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Gunmen storm Mumbai

At least 82 killed as militants attack hotels, hospitals in India's financial hub

Teams of gunmen stormed luxury hotels, a popular restaurant, hospitals and a crowded central train station in co-ordinated attacks across India's financial capital last night, killing at least 82 people and taking westerners hostage, police said

A group of suspected Muslim militants claimed responsibility.

Parts of the city remained under siege as dawn approached today, with police and gunmen exchanging occasional gunfire at two hotels and an unknown number of people still held hostage, said A.N. Roy, a top police official. Soldiers also took positions across the city.

A raging fire and explosions struck the landmark Taj Mahal hotel shortly after midnight. Screams could be heard and black smoke billowed from the century-old edifice on Mumbai's waterfront.

The attackers specifically targeted Britons and Americans, witnesses said.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon, who issued a statement condemning the attacks, said there were no reports of any Canadians having been killed or injured.

"These cowardly attacks are truly appalling," the statement said.

Officials at Foreign Affairs said all consular staff in Mumbai are accounted for.

State home secretary Bipin Shrimali said four suspects had been killed in two incidents when they tried to flee in cars, and Roy said two more gunmen were killed at the Taj Mahal. State Home Minister R.R. Patil said nine more were captured. They declined to provide any further details.

An Indian media report said a previously unknown group calling itself the Deccan Mujahideen had claimed responsibility for the attacks in e-mails to several media outlets. There was no way to verify the claim.

Police reported hostages being held at the Taj Mahal and Oberoi hotels, two of the best-known upscale destinations in this crowded but wealthy city.

Gunmen who burst into the Taj "were targeting foreigners. They kept shouting: 'Who has U.S. or U.K. passports?'" said Ashok Patel, a British citizen who fled from the hotel.

Authorities believed seven to 15 foreigners were hostages at the Taj Mahal, but it was not immediately clear if hostages at the Oberoi were Indians or foreigners, said Anees Ahmed, a top state official.

A Vancouver man told a local radio station that his parents were staying at the Taj Mahal hotel.

Bobby Waliea told News1130 that his father was out visiting friends when the terrorists struck, but his mom had just left the hotel when the attack begun.

"She went outside to get something, and then they found out there's terrorists in the hotel," said Waliea.

"As she was pulling out of the parking lot, that's when the first bomb exploded."

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Fire engulfs a part of the Taj Hotel in Mumbai, India. Teams of armed gunmen stormed luxury hotels, a popular restaurant, hospitals and a train station in co-ordinated attacks across India's financial capital last night, killing at least 82 people.

Violent history

- Mumbai, formerly known as Bombay, has frequently been targeted in terrorist attacks blamed on Islamic extremists, including a series of bombings in July 2006 that killed 187.
- An official for Maharashtra state, of which Mumbai is the capital, said along with the 82 people who had been killed another 120 were wounded.

Buyers appear off the hook in BCE buyout

MARKET The $52-billion buyout of BCE Inc. appears destined to die with a whimper — or more likely a sigh of relief — after auditors said it was unlikely to sign off on a so-called "solvency test" needed to complete the transaction.

After a year of high-profile legal challenges and market crises, the world's biggest leveraged buyout in history found itself thrown on the rocks after KPMG said yesterday it was unlikely to deliver "an opinion that BCE would meet the solvency tests" by the deal's Dec. 11 deadline.

Bell Canada's parent said it was "disappointed" with the assessment and was reviewing the methodology used. But amid a backdrop of faltering banks, free-falling markets and a looming global recession, there is little optimism the buyers — an investor group led by the Ontario Teacher's Pension Plan — would be pressing KPMG to change its mind, given they can now bow out gracefully without paying the deal's hefty $1.2 billion break fee.

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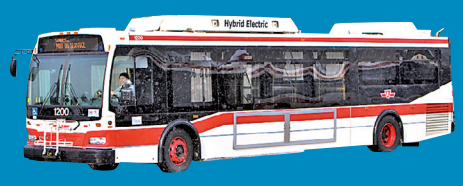

Express route, regular fare for some

Commuters on the Mount Pleasant, Avenue Road and Don Valley routes will be able to ride the TTC express for less. The transit commission has removed the premium fare — double the regular bus fare — on those express buses that have the ability to relieve overcrowding on the Yonge subway line. It has also decided to go ahead and try new express routes on Keele, Steeles West and along the lakeshore in Etobicoke.
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'We're all screwed'

Plant closures 'shock' Magna workers

Duc La was driving to work as usual, listening to news on the radio, when he heard his future splinter — the Magna-owned plant in Aurora where he has worked for 20 years, and from which he planned to retire in another 20, will shut its doors in June.

"I'm really worried. I'll have no job," said the machine operator and Toronto resident, who has a homemaker wife and children aged 9 and 7.

La covered his eyes and looked away, trying to hide his tears as he got out of his car in the parking plot of the Exterion car parts factory, to shut along with another in Newmarket, wiping out a total of 850 jobs.

La, and other afternoon-shift workers in Aurora, weren't supposed to hear the grim news until a 4 p.m. staff meeting. But most arriving for work at 2 p.m. had already heard from the media, or from co-workers on the morning shift who had already been notified.

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Magna employee Mixay Phong smokes a cigarette outside the Exterion manufacturing plant in Aurora yesterday. Magna said it will be closing down the plant along with another in Newmarket.

Many of those interviewed in the parking lot have been working for Magna for 20-plus years and fear their age will prevent them from finding another job. They currently make $18 to $20 an hour.

"We're all screwed," exclaimed one of the morning shift workers, who at 7:30 a.m. was sent with about 70 colleagues into a lunchroom to get the grim news from a senior executive. "Everyone was shocked. Some female managers were crying. Everyone else was really quiet," said the worker.

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Small grocers oppose charge on plastic bags

Toronto stores hand out 460 million shopping bags a year — and starting next June, shoppers may have to pay 5 cents each for them under a plan worked out between the city and big grocery retailers.

But not if the little guys have anything to say about it.

Smaller grocery operators yesterday questioned the city's legal authority to set a minimum price on bags. (Retailers are free to charge more than a nickel.)

"It's very simple," said John Scott, chief executive of the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers, whose members operate about 4,000 stores. "We don't think they have the legal right to tell any retailer: Here's how much your good has to sell for."

The proposal goes to city council next week, but Scott says he hopes councillors send it back for more consideration.

The plan is supposed to reduce the use of plastic bags by 70 per cent by 2012.
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Legal point

• Toronto isn't the first GTA municipality to toy with the idea of charging a levy on plastic bags — but others, such as Halton, have quickly backed away when they found out they had no such authority.

News in brief

TTC After recently announcing the new security cameras on buses aren't preventing assaults on TTC drivers, the transit commission has approved spending $5.2 million to equip its new buses with plastic shields around the drivers' seats. New buses will come equipped with the shields and older vehicles will be retrofitted.
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Teen stabbed outside restaurant

A 16-year-old is suffering from a non-life-threatening stab wound to the neck after being attacked yesterday outside a McDonald's at Morningside and Lawrence avenues. Police say the teen was leaving the restaurant with another person when both were attacked. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

81 cute cats seek homes

There's Cyrus, who snuggles into your shoulder and licks your ear. Then there's Lovey, who lives to cuddle — and eat. And there's Mr. Freezie, fully recovered after being freed from ice last winter.

They lost their first home because someone didn't want them any more. Now they've lost their "mother" — a devoted animal lover who couldn't say no to a creature in need.

Sonja Currell collapsed in her husband, Frank's, arms a month ago. Asthmatic and only 65, she succumbed to a heart attack, leaving her partner of 46 years and 83 cats who shared their east Toronto home.

Now, as much as it breaks his heart, Frank must find new homes for them. He's in poor health, having lost a lung to cancer and still recovering from radiation treatment.

"I never thought I'd have this mountain to climb," he says sadly, stifling a cough as he strokes a plump ginger named Brandy. "It was too much work for both of us; with just one, it's impossible."

Sons Frank Jr. and Darrin have been taking time off work to help with feeding, emptying litter boxes and cleaning the two-storey house and heated garage.

It all began 15 years ago when their (one) cat Missy disappeared. Responding to notices, someone showed up with her a few days later. But it wasn't Missy, it was a pregnant look-alike. They kept her and Missy came back 12 days later.

The feline population just grew after that as word got around about the kind-hearted Currells' open-door policy. Cats would mysteriously appear or people would call and say they were having their pet put down if they couldn't find someone to take it.

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Adopt-a-thon

- Frank Currell intends to keep two of the cats, Missy and Sheba. All other cats will be adopted out for a fee during an adopt-a-thon at Petsmart in Richmond Hill tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 905-764-6116.

Barrie **Rough ride**

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Sometimes two-wheels isn't the better way, especially in the snow, as this cyclist found trying to make his way up Bayfield Street in Barrie yesterday.

Defence won't call evidence in Creba case

LEGAL The defence will not be calling any evidence in the trial of a young man accused of murdering schoolgirl Jane Creba during a wild Boxing Day shootout three years ago. Gary Grill, lawyer for a 20-year-old man who can only be identified as J.S.R., informed the jury of that decision yesterday. That means no more witnesses will be heard in the trial that opened in front of a jury Oct. 21. The Crown closed its case last Thursday. The Crown will now make its final submissions to the jury Tuesday, followed by the defence Wednesday. The case is expected to go to the jury by the end of next week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Many poor areas heavily polluted, report finds

ENVIRONMENT Many of Toronto's poorest residents live near industries that spew the highest levels of toxic chemicals and pollutants into the air, a groundbreaking report has found.

Low-income families, many already facing diminished health from stress, bad nutrition, diabetes and poor dental care, are placed at further risk because they breathe air contaminated with pollutants suspected of causing cancer and reproductive disorders, say the authors of the report.

The study, a two-year research project by Toronto-based PollutionWatch, is one of the most comprehensive examinations ever of an issue that has largely gone unnoticed in Canada.

The study compares federal data on low-income households and industrial air releases to examine how pollution and poverty intersect in the Great Lakes Basin, home to more than 9 million.

Children and the elderly are particularly vulnerable to the potpourri of pollutants released — within the legally allowed limits — in urban areas. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Affected neighbourhoods

- In Toronto, the study found high pollutants in 17 neighbourhoods, from south Riverdale, to West Hill in Scarborough, to York University Heights in the north and Alderwood in the southwest.

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Cop's return called surprising

COURT A Peel morality officer was surprised when a detective from another unit suddenly appeared at his Jeep Cherokee about two hours after he thought he had left the scene of what police believed was a major cocaine discovery.

Det. Kennedy McTiernan said he was in a morality-assigned Jeep near Peel's Lakeshore Road community station when Det. Marty Rykhoff of 12 Division's Criminal Investigation Bureau (CIB) appeared at his police-issued vehicle about 2 a.m. on Nov. 17, 2005.

"He appeared to be surprised we were still there," McTiernan told a Brampton court yesterday at the trial of Peel Const. Sheldon Cook.

Cook, a member of Rykhoff's team, is accused of stealing 15 bricks of suspected cocaine discovered hidden inside boxes of mangoes in a courier delivery truck on Nov. 16, 2005.

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Third suspect in Barrie murder arrested

The last of three suspects wanted in a murder investigation was arrested after turning himself in to Toronto police yesterday. The body of Ali Garakan, 47, of Thornhill, was discovered after a fire in Essa Township, close to Barrie, on Nov. 7. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Gault is a prosecution witness in the trial of Hells Angels Mark (Cephes) Stephenson and Remond (Ray) Akleh, who are accused of conspiracy to commit murder and counselling to commit murder.

Gault dismissed the suggestion that he set out to frame Akleh because the two men had a turbulent relationship, after Akleh had accused Gault of being a police informer.

Akleh, a member of the elite Nomads chapter of the Hells Angels, and Stephenson, the Oshawa chapter president, are charged with attempting to recruit Gault to kill Frank (Cisco) Lenti of the Bandidos club. The alleged plot was never carried out.

The trial before Justice Bruce Glass continues.

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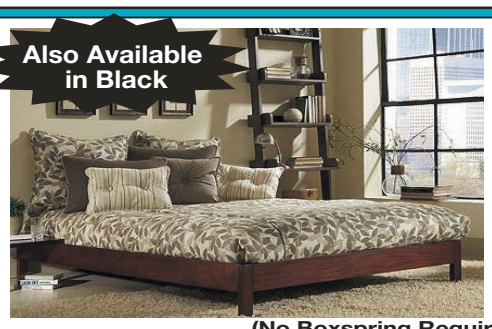
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Man sentenced for EBay fraud

A Nova Scotia man has been sentenced to five months of house arrest and has to pay back money he bilked from a man through EBay. Richard Allan Mansfield, 18, was charged in August following a complaint from a Maine resident who paid $4,100 for coins that turned out to be worthless. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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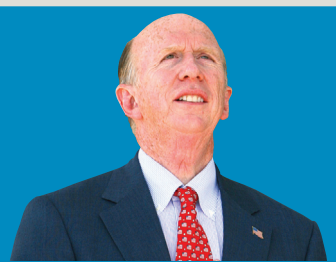

Wilkins dismisses NAFTA talk

The outgoing U.S. ambassador to Canada, David Wilkins, left, says he expects the North American Free Trade Agreement to stay intact once the new Democratic administration takes power, despite worries earlier this year that the pact could be reopened under Barack Obama. Obama, who is set to take office on Jan. 20, had mused about reopening NAFTA during the presidential primaries. Wilkins called that just 'campaign rhetoric.' THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier hints at axing driver bill

A chastened Premier Dalton McGuinty admits he is getting an earful about the drivers' licence changes — especially from young people — and he hinted they could back off on teenage passenger restrictions.

More than 117,000 people have joined Facebook to protest the plan to limit the number of young passengers that drivers aged 19 and under can take in a car.

"With everything we do we try to do the best that we can by way of an initiative, whether it's a bill or something else," McGuinty told reporters yesterday.

"But governments never do anything perfectly. We're made up of human beings, but we try to do the best that we can," he said.

McGuinty is particularly keen on engaging young people and their thoughts on the matter. "Yes, we're listening," he said, noting he has been surfing the website himself from home to get feedback from young drivers.

McGuinty admitted his administration "was a bit precipitous" last year when it banned Facebook from government computers and pledged to use the social networking tool to reach more youths.

While the government won't lift its blanket ban, some staffers will be allowed to use Facebook to push the premier's agenda.

"We're going to find a way to speak to young people and, more importantly, have them speak to us."

Dalton McGuinty

The legislation restricts teenaged drivers to one passenger 19 or younger during the first year of a class G2 licence. An exemption would be made for family members.

Transportation Minister Jim Bradley said the government wants to hear from the public on all aspects of the bill, but added he doesn't want the Facebook protest to overshadow the substance of the proposed legislation.

Bradley unveiled changes to the Highway Traffic Act aimed, at reducing the number of young people who loose their lives in horrific traffic accidents.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Public hearings

- The bill now goes for a second reading, which decides what parts of the bill will be further debated and what presentations will be heard. Opposition parties have pushed for public hearings across the province.

Military ships 8 new helicopters

AFGHANISTAN Canada's military is dispatching eight armed Griffon helicopters to Afghanistan to serve as aerial bodyguards for Chinook transport choppers that will soon be shuttling troops and equipment.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay announced yesterday that the CH-146 choppers, equipped with weapons and sensors, would be arriving in southern Afghanistan early next year in preparation for their escort role.

And he said the combination of Griffons, unmanned aerial vehicles for reconnaissance and long-awaited Chinooks will reduce the risk for troops by allowing them to move around by air rather than roads where there's a risk of roadside bombs and ambushes.

His comments came as International Trade Minister Stockwell Day tabled in Parliament the Conservative government's second quarterly report on Canada's Afghan mission.

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International Trade Minister and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway Stockwell Day comments on the government's quarterly report on Afghanistan at a news conference in Ottawa yesterday.

The quarterly report presented to the House of Commons acknowledged that the Afghanistan situation grew worse during the summer.

But it also cited efforts to train Afghan army as development projects. Since June, 60 infrastructure projects, including road-building and bridge repairs, were completed.

About 250 extra personnel are expected to join the air wing, bringing Canada's deployment on the Afghan mission to 2,750.

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Tories to chop funding of federal parties today

POLITICS Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government is expected to shake up Canada's political system today by reducing public funding of political parties, a move that will reduce Ottawa's expenses but also give Conservatives a critical advantage over their opponents.

26 The number in millions the Tories are expected to cut from public financing of political parties

The surprise move is expected to highlight a spending restraint package also including savings on salaries paid to Members of Parliament as well as clampdown on travel subsidies for MPs, sources said.

Harper has never favoured public subsidies of political parties and today his government is expected to take action to cut the amount of public financing — more than $26 million a year — that goes to support federal parties.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty will present the economic update and in addition it is said to not include any assistance for the auto sector. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

MONEY Ontario will reduce spending "over and above" the $108 million in cuts announced just last month, said Premier Dalton McGuinty yesterday. He noted if federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty freezes MPs' salaries today, MPPs' wages would also freeze.

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B.C. pledges cash to convert cars to electric

The B.C. government is spending $400,000 to start converting its fleet of vehicles into plug-in electric vehicles. It's part of the province's promise to cut greenhouse gas emissions by one-third by 2020. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Affordable housing to get $80M

FUNDING It will put only a small dent in waiting lists for affordable housing for aboriginals in the GTA, but activists say $20 million in support from the Ontario and federal governments is welcome.

The money, first earmarked by the federal government two years ago, will help an estimated 320 families living off reserves in substandard conditions find a better place to live or upgrade their homes.

Wait lists

- Waiting lists are as long as five to 10 years in the GTA, said John March, president of an aboriginal housing agency.

"It's a small step but a significant step ... There is still much more to do," acknowledged Ontario Housing Minister Jim Watson, who also announced $60 million in similar funding from Ottawa for the rest of the province.

The $80 million in total should assist 1,000 families through new affordable rental housing projects, renovations and renovations to existing homes and assistance with home purchases, Watson said.

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Emergency crews are set up outside a parking garage that collapsed trapping at least one person yesterday in Montreal

One killed in garage collapse

Cars literally fell out of the air. Apartment windows rattled. Witnesses compared the sonic boom to a bomb.

The floor of a Montreal parking garage collapsed yesterday, with a giant slab of concrete dropping to the storey below, crushing vehicles and killing at least one man.

Authorities described the collapsed floor as a giant, falling pancake — a plummeting concrete chunk 30 metres in length, 30 metres in width, and untold tonnes in weight.

The split-second tumble triggered immediate chaos: 500 people evacuated from an apartment highrise; toddlers whisked from a daycare centre; and people screaming and crying that they'd narrowly escaped death.

Rescue crews tried frantically to reach a man trapped in a car. They used jackhammers to break through the concrete and circular saws to slice through his vehicle door.

The man sat slumped in the driver's seat and did not respond when they shouted out to him. He was declared dead after crews made it into the car.

The man in his 30s had just arrived for work and was parking his car when the collapse occurred.

Authorities didn't believe anyone else was trapped but were scouring through the debris hours after the accident occurred.

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Other collapses

- In recent years two Quebec highway overpasses have seen deadly collapses and a private food emporium saw its roof cave in, killing three employees.

Calls to bring Khadr home begin again

GUANTANAMO Opposition parties are again demanding that the Conservative government act to bring Omar Khadr home from Guantanamo, Cuba.

Omar Khadr

The Liberals, Bloc and NDP are all issuing renewed calls for the return of the 22-year-old Canadian who has been detained at the U.S. military base since he was captured in Afghanistan in 2002.

The parties say it makes sense to repatriate Khadr since president-elect Barrack Obama has promised to close the controversial Guantanamo jail.

He is the last western citizen held in Guantanamo after other countries successfully lobbied the United States for the return of their nationals.

The Toronto-born Khadr is on trial before an American military tribunal on a charge of killing a U.S. army medic.

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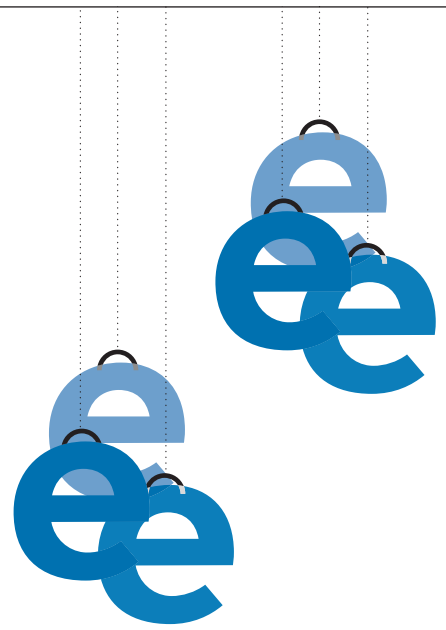

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Israel considering indicting prime minister

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert moved a significant step closer to facing trial yesterday when Israel's attorney general said he is considering indicting Olmert in a corruption case involving double-billing Jewish groups for trips abroad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Brazil tries to aid flood victims

Brazil tried to rush aid yesterday to nearly 80,000 people driven from their homes by rain-spawned mudslides that have killed at least 86 people, while helicopter crews searched for families isolated by flood-waters. New reports emerged of looting and price-gouging as food and supplies ran short in areas no longer accessible after floods and landslides washed out roads and bridges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama rebuffs accusations of recycling Clinton officials

U.S. president-elect Barack Obama pushed back against criticism yesterday that he was recycling former Clinton administration officials as he builds his new economic team. He said his cabinet would "combine experience with fresh thinking."

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President-elect Barack Obama, right, and his wife Michelle Obama, centre, greet people at a food bank at St. Columbanus Catholic Church on the South Side of Chicago yesterday.

"The American people would be troubled if I selected a treasury secretary or a chairman of the National Economic Council at one of the most critical economic times in our history who had no experience in government whatsoever," Obama said in his third news conference on the economy in as many days.

"What we are going to do is combine experience with fresh thinking," he said. "But understand where the vision for change comes from. First and foremost, it comes from me. That's my job, is to provide a vision in terms of where we are going and to make sure then that my team is implementing."

Obama also announced he had chosen former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, 81, to head a new White House panel to help create jobs and bring stability to the ailing financial system.

Volcker is a legendary central banker who raised interest rates and restricted the money supply to tame raging inflation in the '80s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thai PM refuses to resign after call for new elections

CRISIS Thailand's prime minister refused to step down yesterday despite the army chief's call for new elections after protesters shut down Bangkok's primary airport.

Somchai Wongsawat, who gave a televised address just hours after returning from an overseas trip, said he would not allow the protesters to topple his elected government.

> **"The government should give the public a chance to decide in a fresh election."**
> Gen. Anupong Paochinda

"My position is not important. But democratic values are," he said.

Gen. Anupong Paochinda, chief of the army, had earlier called a meeting with high-level government officials, academics, economists and security officials.

"The government should give the public a chance to decide in a fresh election," Anupong said at a news conference after the meeting.

A spokesman for the protesters also rejected the army chief's solution, saying that new elections alone would not end the standoff, calling for Somchai to resign unconditionally. He added that the group would not leave the airport, where thousands of travellers are stranded.

The bold takeover threatens to further strain the Thai tourism industry.

The protest group, the People's Alliance for Democracy, known as the PAD, appears intent on forcing the military to intervene and bring down the elected regime. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As many as 2,000 bodies in 2 mass graves in Congo

DISCOVERY Government officials say two mass graves have been discovered in eastern Congo containing as many as 2,000 bodies.

Justice Minister Luzolo Bambi says the graves were found Saturday in Bukavu town in a plot of land formerly owned by a member of the Congolese Rally for Democracy, a Rwandan-backed rebel group.

The RCD once controlled much of eastern Congo, but it became a political party in 2003.

Many of its top leaders were integrated into the government.

The new landowner discovered the remains when he dug up the land to put in a septic tank.

The discovery comes as eastern Congo has once again come to the brink of war, with a different rebel group fighting government forces.

Bukavu has not been touched by the latest round of violence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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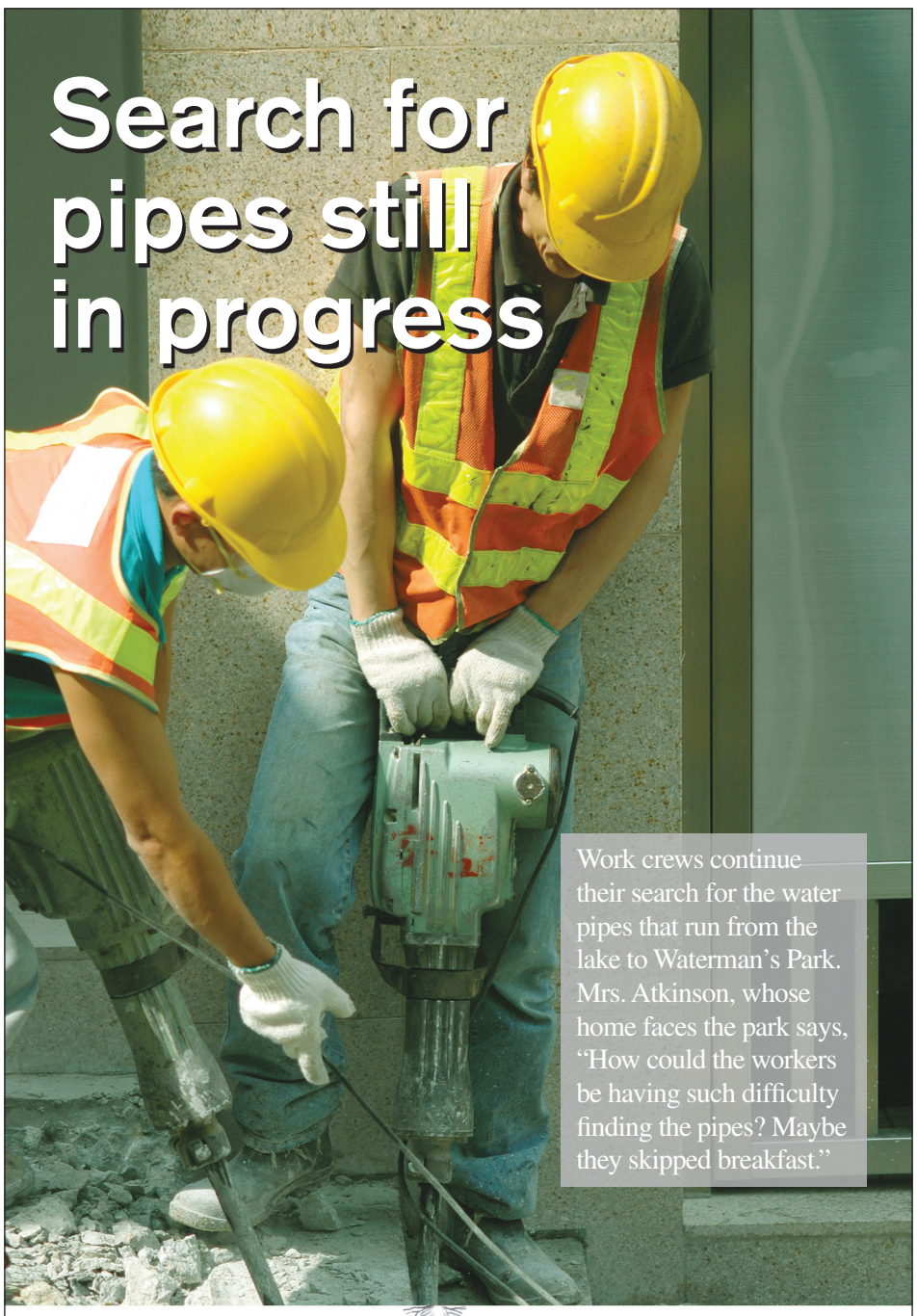
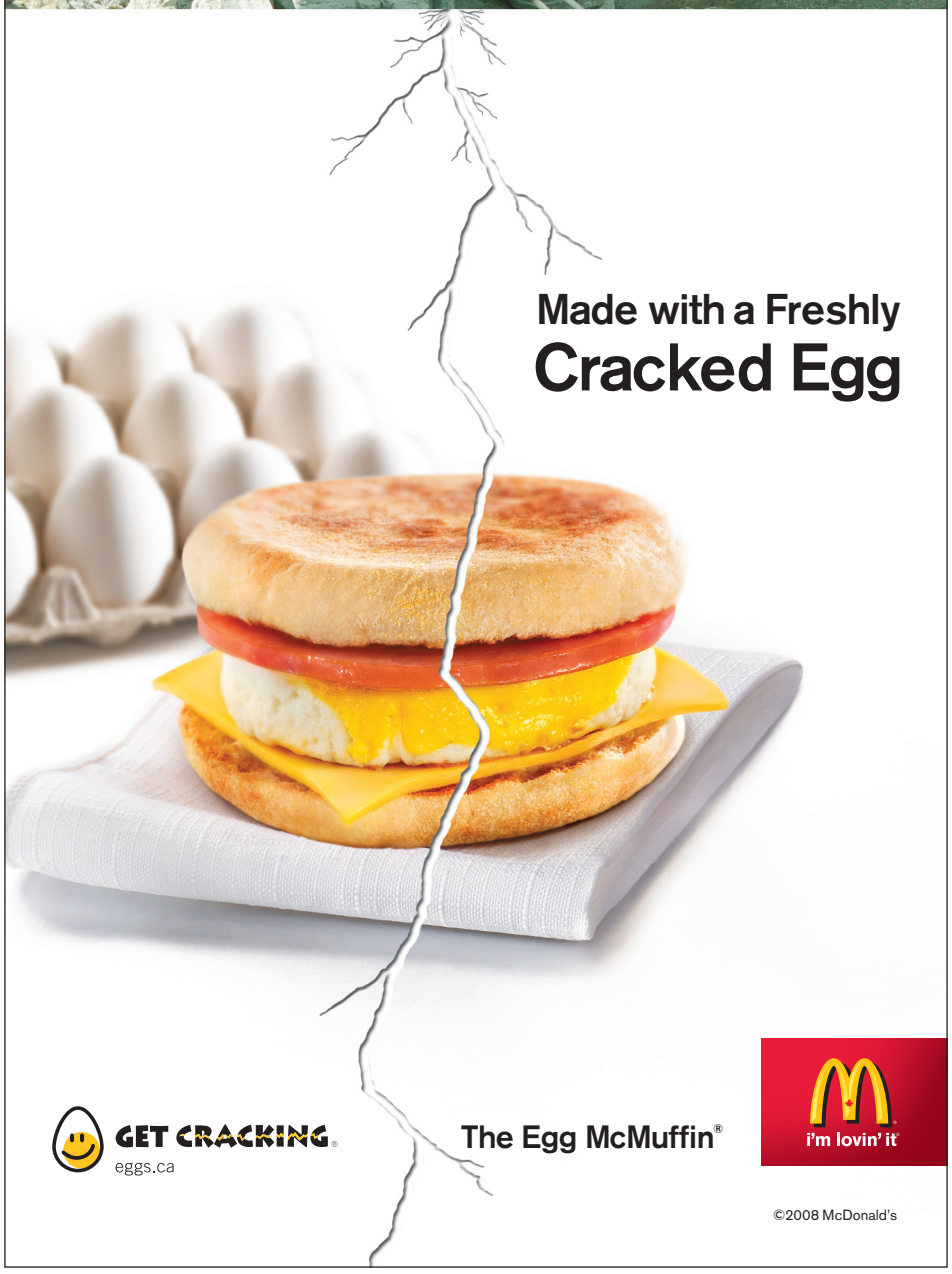


Work crews continue their search for the water pipes that run from the lake to Waterman's Park. Mrs. Atkinson, whose home faces the park says, "How could the workers be having such difficulty finding the pipes? Maybe they skipped breakfast."



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Police say 2 journalists kidnapped in Somalia
Police say two foreign journalists were kidnapped yesterday in Somalia. Their nationalities were not immediately known. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mother convicted of 3 offences in online hoax

A jury has convicted a Missouri woman of three minor offences for her role in an Internet hoax that apparently drove a 13-year-old girl to suicide.

The Los Angeles federal court jury today rejected felony charges of accessing a computer without authorization to inflict emotional distress on young Megan Meier.

However, the jury found defendant Lori Drew guilty of three counts of the lesser offence of accessing a computer without authorization.

Each count is punishable by up to one year in prison and comes attached with a $100,000 fine.

The jurors could not reach a verdict on a conspiracy count.

The disposition of that count was not immediately clear.

Prosecutors said Drew violated the MySpace terms of service by conspiring with her young daughter and a business assistant to create a fictitious profile of a teenage boy on the MySpace social networking website to harass Megan.

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Suicide

- Megan Meier, who had been treated for depression, hanged herself with a belt in her bedroom closet in 2006 after receiving a message saying the world would be better without her.

2 men accused in terror plot against Obama plead not guilty

TERROR Two white supremacists accused of plotting to kill U.S. president-elect Barack Obama and dozens of other black people have pleaded not guilty to more federal charges in Tennessee.

Daniel Cowart of Tennessee and Paul Schlesselman of Arkansas were originally indicted on firearms and conspiracy charges. They have already pleaded not guilty to those counts.

Both men were then charged in a superseding indictment on Nov. 20 with civil rights conspiracy and Cowart with damage to religious property and use of a firearm during a crime of violence.

They went before a federal magistrate in Jackson today, and their lawyers entered pleas for them.

Cowart and Schlesselman have been held in a West Tennessee jail without bond since their arrests on Oct. 22.

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News in brief

YEMEN Osama bin Laden's former driver returned home to Yemen yesterday to serve out his remaining prison sentence after he was released from Guantanamo Bay, officials said. Salim Hamdan was convicted Aug. 6 of providing material support to terrorism and was sentenced to 5½ years in prison.

PLOT Federal authorities are warning law enforcement personnel of a possible terror plot against the New York City subway system during the holiday season. An internal memo says the FBI has received a "plausible but unsubstantiated" report that al-Qaida terrorists may have discussed attacking the subway system.

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No second chances

Paul Martin should not lead Liberals despite calls for support

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Could the next leader of the Liberal Party of Canada be the one before the last one? Could it be Paul Martin?

Sheila Copps, the former deputy prime minister, reports that some Liberals are dreaming of a "Draft Martin" movement. They believe that the three declared leadership contenders lack Martin's economic experience.

With the economy in recession and the budget in deficit, she writes, a former finance minister who balanced the budget and presided over a surging economy may emerge as the man on horseback. At least that's the hope.

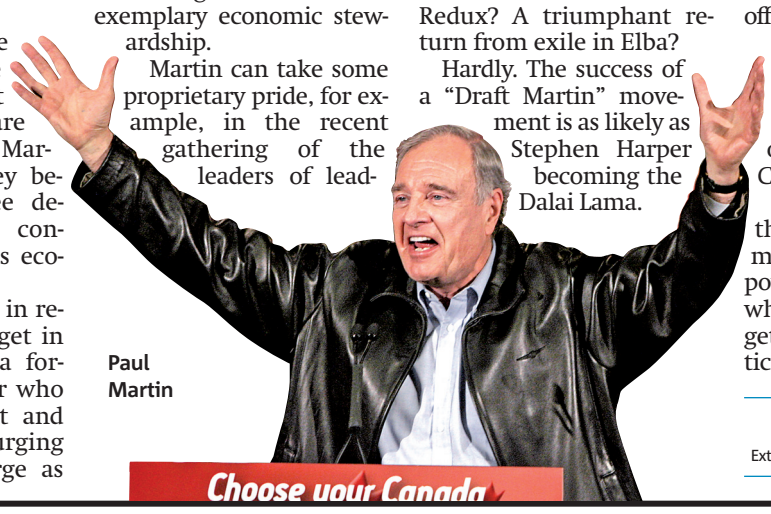
"Some Martinites … are rallying to the former finance minister to save the day and deliver 'the natural governing party' back where it belongs, in power," she writes in The Hill Times.

An intriguing idea. After all, Martin has just published his memoir, giving him the opportunity to reintroduce and reinvent himself. Predictably, he is reminding Canadians of his exemplary economic stewardship.

Martin can take some proprietary pride, for example, in the recent gathering of the leaders of leading industrialized countries. He proposed a broader organization of nations in a ghost-written article a few years ago in Foreign Affairs, the organ of the American foreign policy establishment.

So here we have an economic crisis, a leadership contest and a former politician who may be out of politics — he gave up his seat in the last election — but not out of ambition. Does all that mean Martin Redux? A triumphant return from exile in Elba?

Hardly. The success of a "Draft Martin" movement is as likely as Stephen Harper becoming the Dalai Lama.



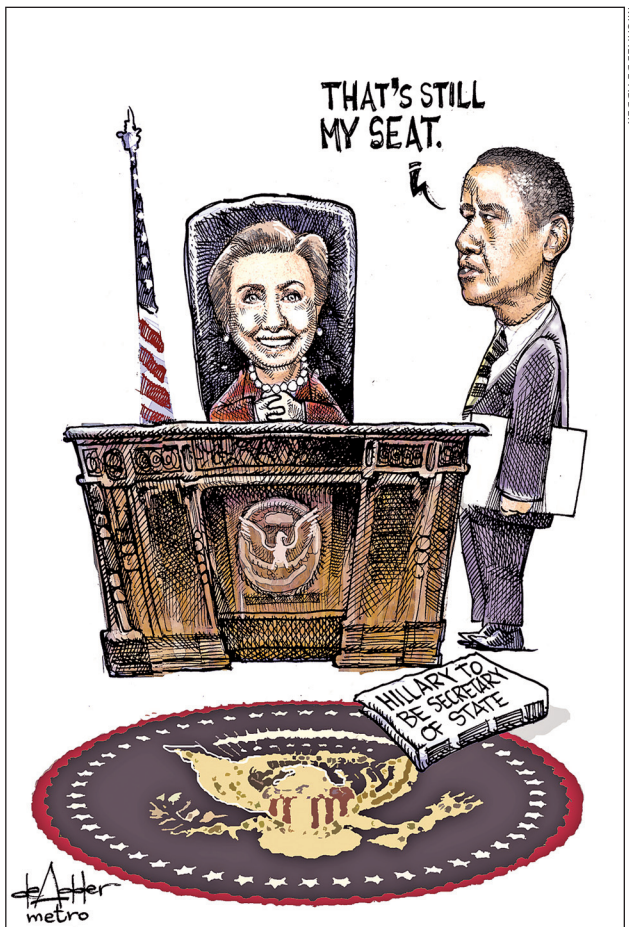
Paul Martin

It's true that Martin was among the most successful finance ministers in our history. He inherited a ruinous situation, slew the deficit, cut taxes and laid the groundwork for the dazzling growth of the next decade.

But he was a better finance minister than he was a prime minister, where he rose to a new level of indecision and ineptitude. Politically, he had mounted a coup d'état against Jean Chrétien, who had won three majorities. He offered none of his rivals — including Copps and John Manley — a place in his cabinet. Then he tried to unseat those Liberals who opposed him, including Copps.

This civil war weakened the party. Martin lost his majority in 2004 and lost power in 2006. He deserved what he got and he won't get a second chance. Politics doesn't work that way.

Andrew Cohen, a professor and journalist, is the author of Extraordinary Canadians: Lester B. Pearson.



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Views

No one's safe from identity thieves

Michael Shepherd

We all have heard about identify theft, but most of us think it will never happen to us — until it does. According to a CBC article last year, one in six Canadians have been victims of identify theft. It is the fastest growing white collar crime in both Canada and the U.S., with losses in the U.S. amounting to over $5 billion. I'll refrain from comparing this to the recent financial meltdown on Wall Street.

As a computer scientist of many years, I thought I was fairly safe.

I have firewalls on my computers, I rarely buy anything online, and I change my passwords frequently. But it was a paper transaction with a credit card that did me in.

My wife was in Sweden last spring and used a credit card that we seldom use. A month later, the bill came with a $46 Canadian transaction on it, to a genealogy company we didn't recognize.

This was the "test" transaction by the people stealing my identity, checking to make sure the card was valid. The fraudsters were probably doing research that would allow them to steal my identity.

Luckily, a week later I called the credit card company to complain about junk mail. During the process of trying to register my complaint, they had to verify my identity. Now there was a long pause at the other end, followed by "Are you sure you don't live on St. Clair East in Toronto?" The thieves had put my credit card number together with personal information easily available on the web, to gain online access to the credit card company and change the information on my file.

"According to a CBC article, one in six Canadians have been victims of identity theft."

I nipped this one in the bud and was not liable for the charges the thieves had rung up since the test transaction. But the problem is that such companies report all changes in your personal data to the credit bureaus — so three major credit bureaus now thought I lived in Toronto.

This was like opening Pandora's box. After a lot of angst and a lot of work, we were able to correct the information on file with the various agencies and put fraud alerts on all of our accounts. Still, some of the false information is out there and we are waiting for the next instalment.

The following site and the sites it links to have helpful hints for protecting yourself: http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/scams/identity_theft_e.htm

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Letters

Sarah Palin gives feminism a new twist

With all due respect, Andrew Cohen is in error when he characterized Sarah Palin as "anti-feminist." In fact, she is the new face of feminism. Hillary's generation focused on breaking glass ceilings regarding career and sexual reproductive choices.

The younger Palin-age group is pro-life, pro-family and pro-woman, all by choice.

As to Hillary bringing more dangers than benefits to an Obama cabinet, I say maybe. However, what political junkie would not want to be an eyewitness to their potential drive-by theatrics?

RICARDO DI CECCA
BURLINGTON

Throne speech cartoon funny, not racist

Re: Canadian economy may be scary, but cartoon wasn't, Nov. 26.

The Nov. 20 cartoon of Michaëlle Jean was certainly not racist. It was mocking the throne speech that she delivered the day before, in which she presented a gloomy forecast for the economy. I think the cartoonist would have created a similar image no matter who the Governor General was at the time. I found this cartoon to be quite humorous.

CHRIS A JOHNSTON
HALIFAX

Putting filthy shoes on subway seats disgusting

I travel during off-peak hours and see quite a few people sitting in the subway with their feet and filthy shoes on the seat. They casually get off, leaving the the seat dirty. Can the TTC do something to discourage this disgusting habit?

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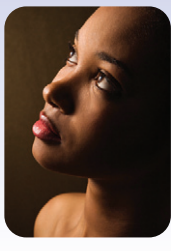

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Magna to shut plants

850 to lose jobs in Aurora, Newmarket

Powerhouse Magna International yesterday announced the closure of two plants and the elimination of 850 jobs by the middle of next year.

Magna said it will gradually shut down the Exterion plants in Aurora and Newmarket, two operations that opened during the mid-1980s and employ many older workers.

The closure came only two days after Magna announced it is consolidating two Blau Autotec and Integrated Technologies plants in Brampton and Concord into one operation.

Workers

- The Newmarket plant employs about 500 workers.
- The Aurora plant has another 350.
- Sources said many workers have 20-plus years service.

It is unclear how many of the 250 workers at the two powertrain operations would lose their jobs.

The two Exterion plants make bumpers, grills and side panels for numerous Chrysler models including the Chrysler 300.

It also produced similar parts for the Volkswagen Routan, Chevrolet Equinox, Pontiac Torrent and Acura MDX models.

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EU eyes joint stimulus plan

BAILOUT The European Commission wants EU governments to jointly combat the economic slowdown with a stimulus plan worth $256.2 billion US. The two-year European Economic Recovery Plan calls on the 27 EU governments to spend more to halt the accelerating economic slowdown that has pushed some European nations into recession.

The proposed stimulus would represent 1.5 per cent of EU gross domestic product. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Canada's big banks cut mortgage rates

Canada's big banks are cutting mortgage rates, reflecting a drop in borrowing costs in the bond market, where banks finance their mortgage lending.

Royal Bank said yesterday that, effective immediately, a three year closed mortgage falls to 6.45 per cent while a five-year term falls to 6.95 per cent, both down a quarter point.

Bank of Montreal said a three year loan falls six tenths of a point to 6.45 per cent, while a five year mortgage drops a quarter point to 6.95 per cent, effective today.

Later Scotiabank and TD Bank also cut their mortgage rates, effective today.

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In brief

U.S. ECONOMY New jobless claims in the United States fell more than expected last week from a 16-year high. Requests for unemployment benefits fell to 529,000 from the previous week's 543,000.

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How to lose weight at lunch

The way to healthy living is finding time to exercise and eat well. Here are some tips to help you burn calories, lose weight, reduce stress and give yourself a boost of energy – all in an hour a day!

Research shows that short bouts of intense exercise can enhance weight loss, cardiovascular fitness, muscle mass, strength and mood.

Vary your weekly exercise routine to include walking briskly, climbing stairs, sit-ups and push-ups, squats, and stretching. Many can be done at the office or close-by.

Just taking a few minutes a day to prepare a nutritious lunch will give you something delicious to enjoy at your desk post-workout. Make sure to stay hydrated by drinking lots of water throughout the day.

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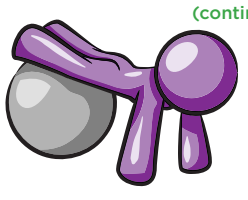

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Report: Argos interview Fassel
A Vancouver radio station reported that Argonauts GM Adam Rita interviewed former New York Giants coach Jim Fassel for the team's head coaching vacancy yesterday. Fassel is also reportedly in the running for the Oakland Raiders job. **SOURCE: TSN**

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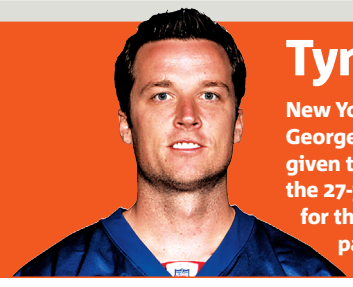

Tynes asks Bush for pardon

New York Giants kicker Lawrence Tynes, left, has asked the George W. Bush administration to commute a lengthy sentence given to his brother for distributing marijuana. Tynes maintains that the 27-year sentence that his brother Mark is serving was excessive for the crime. It is customary for outgoing U.S. presidents to grant pardons before they leave office. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Jays' plans still up in the air

MLB The Blue Jays may have less money to spend this off-season than initially anticipated, a possibility that has left their plans in a holding pattern. The global financial crisis and the loonie's drop versus the American dollar appear to have drastically changed things for general manager J.P. Ricciardi.

"The economy is definitely having an effect on us," Ricciardi said yesterday. Priority No. 1 this winter was to bring back starter A.J. Burnett, with the addition of a bat a close second. Talks with Burnett remain status quo, as the Blue Jays wait for him to explore his options before getting down to business with him. There are said to be five other teams in the hunt for his services, with the Yankees leading the way.

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Bosh takes command

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Chris Bosh passes around Charlotte's Ryan Hollins last night.

THE SKINNY: Chris Bosh continued to demonstrate his ascent as one of the NBA's premier players, scoring 39 points on 15-of-20 shooting and pulling down 11 boards as Toronto beat Charlotte 93-86.

NO J.O.: Jermaine O'Neal sat out, although his absence was attributed to the ankle he twisted vs. Boston, not his left knee.

SO WHO STEPPED UP? Joey Graham, whose 17 points off the bench were not only a season-high, but two off his career-high and his biggest scoring output since April 15, 2007.

THE QUOTE: **"We've been struggling, but those days are over."** Bosh to The Score's Adnan Virk after the game.

THE NEXT GAME: Friday night at home against the Atlanta Hawks.

Blake out, Maple Leafs toughen each other up

With Brian Burke's hiring now expected to be just days away, it's fitting that the undersized, easy-to-kick-around Leafs began yesterday searching for their inner bully.

It began when former NHL enforcer/assistant coach Tim Hunter — he of the boxer's nose and hands to match — ran yesterday's practice.

Next, Dominic Moore and Jeff Finger dropped the gloves to fight each other: teammate vs. teammate, mano a mano.

Then — with Jason Blake sidelined with a suspected concussion — the Leafs called up Marlies enforcer Andre Deveaux.

The message has sunk in: the Leafs need to be tougher. That message is probably just fine with Burke, who builds teams around toughness, and who is expected to be running the Leafs by Saturday.

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On the ice, starting tonight with the Ottawa Senators, the Leafs promise to be much more physical.

"We can do a better job of that (being tougher)," said winger Jamal Mayers.

"They hit our best players and we've got to go hit their best players. Team toughness has nothing to do with fighting."

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Labinjo re-signs with Stamps

The Calgary Stampeders have signed defensive end Mike Labinjo to a three-year contract extension after standout performances in both the Grey Cup and the Western final. The St. Mike's grad and former NFL player had a sack and three tackles in Calgary's 22-14 win over Montreal in Sunday's Grey Cup. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Taking Canadian hockey know-how to China

Nova Scotia coach finds his ticket to the 2010 Olympics with the Chinese women's national team

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Paul Strople's friends told him he was crazy. Moving to China to coach the country's national women's hockey team?

"They'd say, 'What are you going there for? You have everything here,'" the 41-year-old Halifax native recalls. Strople had a wife, children and a job coaching bantam AAA hockey in Nova Scotia when Chinese hockey officials came calling last summer, but he couldn't turn them down.

He had already spent the 2004-05 season behind the national team bench, but wanted to go back for a second tour to lead China to the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. "It was something that had been on my mind for four years," says Strople, who fell short in his bid for the Turin Games in 2006. "I wanted the challenge to prove to myself I could get to the Olympics. That was my biggest drive."

Strople got there — and his friends finally understand. "Now, when they send me an e-mail or call ... They're saying, 'Hey, if you need a water boy, a stick boy, or an assistant, I can take time off for the Olympics,'" Strople laughs.

China punched its ticket to Vancouver earlier this month at the final qualifier in Shanghai. Strople calls it the "biggest moment" of his coaching career, an odyssey that began in 1996 and includes stops in the Netherlands, Germany and Iceland.

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Strople's China squad qualified for Vancouver earlier this month.

With Strople's wife and children often living in the Halifax area, family sacrifices have been the biggest hurdle.

"When you go four months without seeing your family, it's a long haul," Strople said.

"But my wife's been very supportive of my career."

The language barrier was another major obstacle, but Strople has noticed a big difference in his second tour of duty. Although he has a full-time interpreter, he barely needs one anymore. That's because a handful of the team's star players have spent time playing professionally in Canada in recent years — helping not only their on-ice skills but also their English. "They understand me better than they understand the interpretation. Now, they're telling the interpreter, 'You don't need to translate for us.'"

Strople loves coaching and would relish an opportunity to get a job behind the bench at the university level closer to home.

His appearance at the Olympics likely won't hurt his cause.

"It could open a lot of doors," he says. "It's a great achievement for me and it will be a very big point on my resume."

Quinn done for year
Cleveland Browns quarterback Brady Quinn is officially out for the rest of the season with a broken finger on his throwing hand. METRO NEWS SERVICES

How far will changes go?

TheHockeyNews

In terms of expecting an underdog season for the ages in Toronto, things are getting cloudier — and these ain't soft, puffy clouds; they're dark, ominous ones.

Yes, Brian Burke is likely on his way to town. Having said that, interim GM Cliff Fletcher has at least done some work on this twisted Rubik's Cube of a roster, but Burke will obviously do more.

In acquiring Lee Stempniak from St. Louis for Carlo Colaiacovo and Alex Steen, the Leafs essentially admitted their standards for success recently were far below the rest of the league's. After all, Steen was once touted as a future captain of the franchise and Colaiacovo made the squad as a 19-year-old in 2002-03, before quickly being sent back to junior. Both were first-round draft picks.

But it is Stempniak who shows the most promise of the three and only Stempniak who has accomplished a 20-goal season (27 in '06-07) in the NHL.

In Tuesday's 6-3 loss to Atlanta, Stempniak showed off his skill set, though obviously there was little chemistry with linemates to do any real damage. That will evolve when he actually gets some meaningful practice time in with his new mates, but the fact he was moved up to the top line by midway through the game (replacing Alexei Ponikarovsky), is a good omen.

When Burke does arrive, it is expected he will put his stamp on the club. But with nothing but the future to put hope in, here's hoping the new GM does as much as he can to hoard draft picks — and high ones, at that.

The Leafs will almost certainly be sellers at the trade deadline, a role they have not performed well in recently. Facing another year out of the playoffs last season, the team decided only to shed marginal contributors Chad Kilger and Wade Belak, plus defenceman Hal Gill. Returns for such players are nice, but not what could be netted with tastier bait. Toronto would not or could not play hardball with the 'Muskoka Five,' those players with no-trade clauses and therefore lost Mats Sundin for nothing.

Yes, the Burke Regime will be intriguing. If he maintains his pedigree, there will be no sacred cows on the Buds' roster and there will be feather-ruffling come spring. Can you imagine a Leafs blueline not anchored by Tomas Kaberle? What about a forward corps absent the twin towers of Antropov and Ponikarovsky?

Based on early play, Curtis Joseph will not return as backup goaltender next season and Marlies prospect Justin Pogge has done nothing to prove he is the heir apparent to Vesa Toskala.

Toskala himself has been no Johnny Bower himself, lately. So once again the question becomes, how far does the model get blown up as this season goes on? The answer, of course, is stay tuned.

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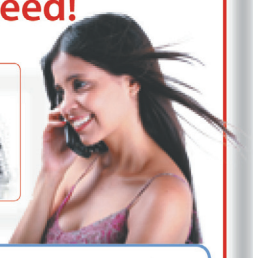

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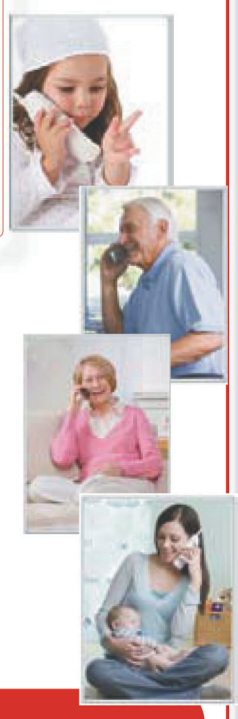

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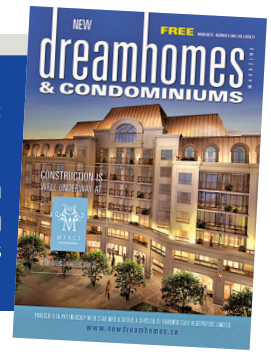

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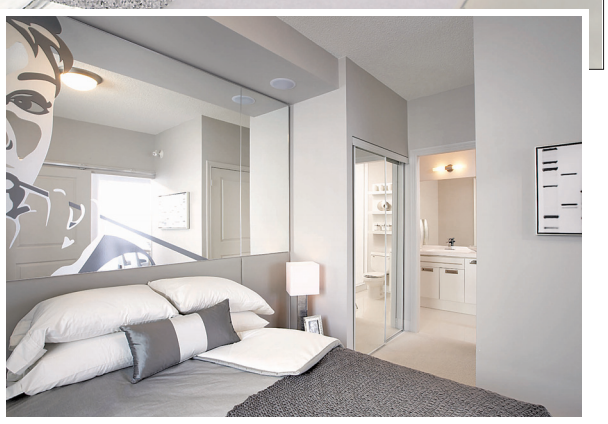

The grey-themed model suites for Monarch's Couture condos on Bloor and Jarvis, above.

Reach back to the night

Suite Talk

NOELLE MUNARETTO
for Metro Canada

Step into the model suite of Monarch Corporation's Couture condominium at Bloor and Jarvis, and you'll be transported into a space styled solely with silvered hues.

After all, designer Mike Niven of Mike Niven Interior Design Inc. created the unit's decor to mimic a three-dimensional black and white photograph.

"We're playing on the idea of high-end, haute couture fashion photography," he said.

Niven also feels that the grey colour palette reflects the downtown core's glamorous night scene.

"The model itself is flavoured to the nighttime with a cosmopolitan feel," he said. "We're not trying to make it funky or multicoloured. It's very serene and elegant."

Much of the furniture was custom-designed for the suites, and many of the pieces have a zebrawood wash. Upholstery is done in rich silks and mohair velvet to highlight the elegance and simplicity of the room.

In the kitchen, the suites can be appointed with stainless steel appliances and grey-speckled granite countertops to add further shine into the space.

Other design features include a spacious work area that Niven says appeals to the young professional, a mirror headboard in the master bedroom with an etched profile of fashion icon Audrey Hepburn, and a chandelier in the dining room that is constructed out of bar glasses.

Niven says that aside from these artsy additions, the luxurious design of the Couture suites will appeal to many city dwellers.

"There's a selection of units that have something to offer for all types of different purchasers," he said.

Couture's one and two bedroom units, as well its one and two bedroom plus den units, start from the middle $300,000s and range from 557 to 977 square feet.

Downtown downturn not as bad as thought

TheHunt

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Over the past few weeks I've discussed what impact this buyer's market will have on both buyers and sellers. A deeper truth also suggests that this market will have a different impact on the various pockets within our great city. Much like Mother Nature has recently demonstrated, piling snow at one end of the GTA while letting the other end escape with a few flurries, the various corners of the GTA are — and will continue to be — affected differently and to varying degrees.

The notion first struck me as one important to understand during my latest radio talk show interview on CBC's Morning Metro. The most common area in question is the one we will discuss this week — Downtown Toronto (including both Downtown East and West). DT in a very real way will be most affected as it was the area that saw the most far-reaching sale prices of any in the GTA. Needless to say those days are behind us. There are still a few owners who are publishing their properties at prices that are too high given the current market conditions; a select few that are hoping to be able to ignore the realities that have settled in, albeit for the relative short haul. However, it's just as important to understand that DT will be the first to rise when the market does turn again.

DT even now remains the safest investment with respect to the area least susceptible to market downfalls. While DT's prices were the most affected, recognize that's only because they skyrocketed higher than any other area during the boom. You'd find that if DT's prices are spiked in line with most other areas, they'd actually have fallen the least.

So if you're a DT owner, while you're not going to get the same incredible price you may have gotten six months to a year ago, you're still in arguably the best position to sell amongst any of your fellow GTA residents.

Whether you should sell now really depends on the specifics of your situation, which you should delve into intelligently as you're looking at the largest single transaction you're likely to make, but rest assured that you're not in a terrible situation.

If you'd like a specific area discussed next week please feel free to e-mail me at amitp@rogers.com. Stay warm, and Happy Hunting!

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Decor

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Day timer

A charming take on the advent calendar

HOME & STYLE Forget waxy chocolates in kitschy cardboard trays. Move the snowflake from pocket to pocket for a sugar-free Christmas countdown that's still supersweet (or, if you need that candy fix, fill with your choice of treats). Felt advent calendar, $13, President's Choice Home Collection, *pc.ca* for retailers.

— BRETT WALTHER

Building blocks

Tracing the history behind the look

HOME LIBRARY Roots of Home by Russell Versaci, $52, Taunton, hardcover, 266 pages.

Ever wonder why houses in the United States look so radically different depending on the location? Here, the focus is on Connecticut colonials, Delaware Valley Swedish log cabins, Creole cottages in the Mississippi Valley and California Spanish colonials. Versaci shares the stories of how French, Spanish, English and Continental influences shaped the homes in this well-illustrated book. This fascinating historical tour includes photos and floor plans, along with in-depth info.

— JENN HOULIHAN

Salal, $15/bunch, camellia, $27/bunch, wreath form, $8, Midge (all prices are approximate; call 416-488-0875 for information about availability). Birdcage, Elliott & Ward, *elliottandward.com*. Rosslyn BP 1902 wallpaper, Farrow & Ball, farrow-ball.com.

Natural luxury

Gifts from nature anchor a fresh holiday decor look

This season, instead of decorating with traditional greenery, try something different. We show you how to create the newest holiday look, which combines unique natural elements, Nordic influences and a wintry neutral palette, for arrangements that are simply elegant.

Glossy salal and camellia leaves offer fresh alternatives to conventional boxwood. A perennial shrub that's suited to partial shade, camellia provides winter interest and lasts year-round. Salal leaves are versatile, mixing well with other types of greenery. Use a 30-inch wreath form like the one at left for a striking focal point.

In the above right photo, Russian olive foliage complements the silvery finish of a pewter chandelier. Arrange branches so the stems overlap and flow loosely around the chandelier's arms. Below right, mounds of spongelike reindeer moss offset a sculptural bone china bowl. To prevent a monochromatic scheme from looking too austere, add hits of burnished silver and gold.

— WRITTEN AND PRODUCED BY CHRISTINE HANLON

Below, Russian Olive, $25/bunch, Midge, 416-488-0875. Antique pewter chandelier, Belle Époque, *belleepoque.ca*.

DANIEL HARRISON PHOTOS

Below, Reindeer moss, $30 per 1/2 kg box, Midge. Versa collection purist bowls, Abbott, *abbottcollection.com*.

New arrivals **Get to know the more recent green choices on the market**

Many of these greens may not be household names (yet!), but their charm goes beyond mere novelty. With textural, aromatic and visual appeal, these versatile choices offer something for everyone. Depending on your budget and decor needs, they can be used to create eye-catching holiday arrangements or festive accents for any room in your home.

— CHRISTINE HANLON

Hypericum berries

Gardenia

Myrtle

Silver brunia

Dusty Miller

DANIEL HARRISON PHOTOS

Taking another peek at the Style at Home editors' holiday wish-lists

Barbara Barry Holiday candle, $48, Barbara Barry at Studio B, *studiobhome.com*.

Karl Lohnes, style editor: "The scents of pine, orange and cranberry bring back all my childhood memories of Christmas."

Versa Collection Purist 10" Sq. resin fern plaques, $35 each, Abbott, *abbottcollection.com*.

Denise Barnard, senior editor: "I'm a sucker for silver and gold accents; I love how they light up a room. The combo of white and gold in this fern-pattern wall art is oh so glamorous."

FELIX WEDGWOOD PHOTO (EGG CUPS)

Egg cups, $14 each, The Finnish Place, *finnishplace.com*.

Natalie Bahadur, web editor: "I just love the bright stripes on Iittala's Origo porcelain dishware."

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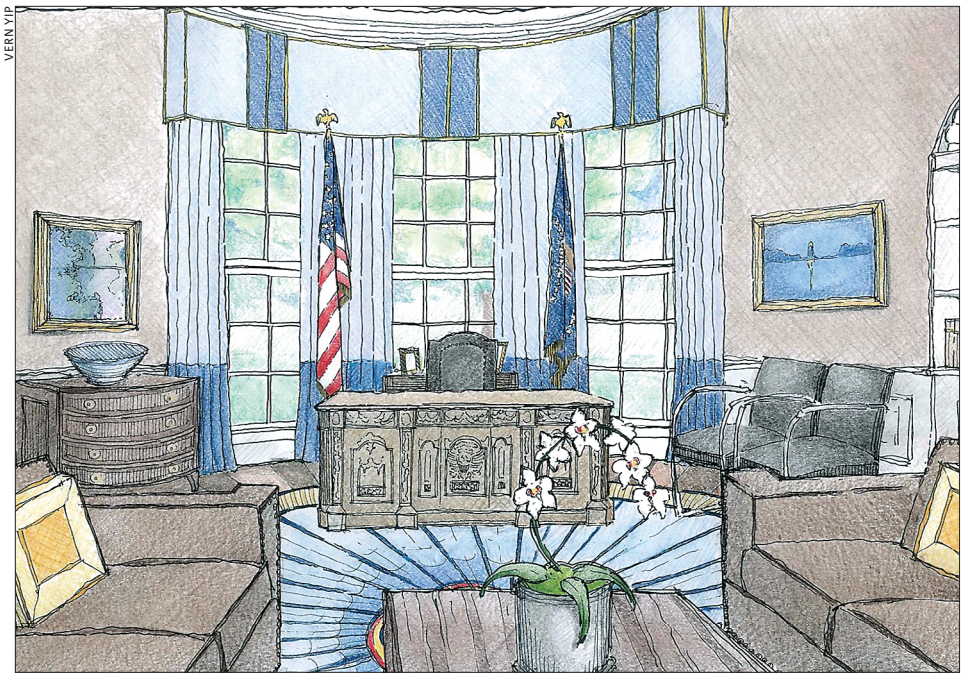

This undated picture provided by Vern Yip, designer and host of HGTV's Deserving Design, shows a rendering of a redesign idea for the Oval Office at the White House. Change is nothing new for the White House, which is redecorated every four to eight years.

U.S. White House could go green

The Associated Press asked several interior designers to suggest Barack Obama-style changes for the White House. Some of what they had to say about their designs via e-mail:

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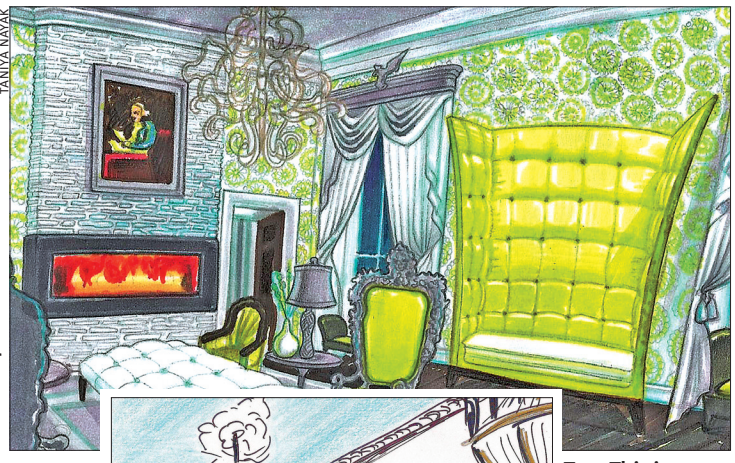

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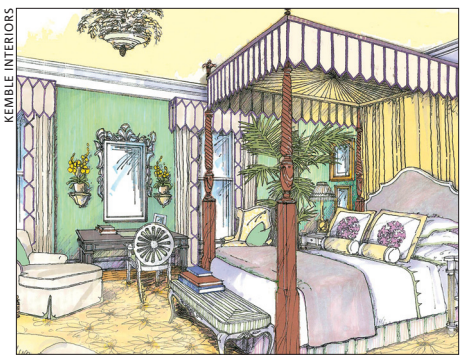

Top: This image shows a rendering of a redesign idea for the Green Room at the White House.

Middle: This image shows a rendering of a redesign idea for the East Room at the White House.

Bottom: This image shows a rendering of a redesign idea for The Queen's Bedroom.

THE OVAL OFFICE

Vern Yip, designer and host of HGTV's Deserving Design:

I wanted to design an eclectic space that combined White House treasures with modernist Brno flat chairs designed by Mies van der Rohe in 1930, with off-the-shelf, clean-lined, chocolate-velvet Lombard sofas from Crate and Barrel. These store-bought sofas have an eco-friendly construction consisting of a certified, sustainable hardwood frame and seat cushions filled with soy-based filler.

THE QUEEN'S BEDROOM

Celerie Kemble of Kemble Interiors, author of Celerie Kemble: To Your Taste:

Given that we seem to be in for a long economic slowdown, and many families are struggling, the president cannot seem to be extravagant or ostentatious. Luckily, Barack Obama's natural style fits the times perfectly. His suits are sharp but never flashy, and the same should go for his home.

THE GREEN ROOM

Taniya Nayak, designer of HGTV's Designed to Sell:

The stone, fabrics and flooring are all made from green products. Sustainable living is a way of life now, and what better place to implement that than in the Green Room of the White House.

THE EAST ROOM

Mark Woodman of Laurel, Md., board member of the Color Marketing Group of colour experts:

The words modern and optimistic kept coming to mind as I considered the newest (first) family and read the history of the room. Since the East Room can serve many functions — including, even, a past roller-skating space for Amy Carter — it has to be imbued with that sense of optimism while keeping a hold on heritage.

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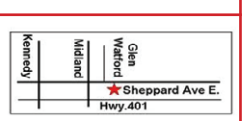

ADVERTISING FEATURE

SENTEX Homes unveils bonus

Yes. You heard right, SENTEX Homes is bringing back the very popular promotion of paying BOTH land transfer taxes for buyers.

Effective early this year, a City of Toronto land transfer tax is charged on top of the provincial land transfer tax to buyers at closing.

Well, the doubled up land transfer tax is no longer an issue for buyers of the last four lots at the Estates of Guildwood Village. SENTEX Homes will cover the full double tax, sparing buyers the additional expense. Queries from people who personally knew purchasers lucky enough to avail themselves of the same promotion for two weeks in March 2008 prompted the quick response from SENTEX Homes.

Not only will SENTEX Homes absorb the twin taxes, but they will also shoulder the costs of hookups and levies at closing, saving the fortunate buyer a further $4,000 to $5,000 of real money.

On top of these awesome savings, SENTEX Homes is offering buyers the choice of an interior or exterior upgrades package. Each upgrade offering is worth $15,000 and buyers can pick and choose components from each package to make up their own mix-and-match combos. For example, buyers can opt for exterior waterproof pot lights

The fully brick, detached luxury homes at the Estates of Guildwood Village receive pre-finished natural oak hardwood floors for the living and dining rooms.

for their porches and roofs, combined with interior pot lights for their hallways and family rooms, among others.

SENTEX Homes allows all buyers who purchase from plans to customize their interiors — at no additional charge. Walls and doors can be put up or removed, and bathrooms and laundries re-sited. Areas may be opened up for increased traffic flow, or enclosed to form more intimate spaces. Truly, the homeowners at the Estates of Guildwood Village have carte blanche to exercise their creativity. Of course, all is possible as long as no load-bearing walls or mechanicals are affected.

The buyers of these fully brick, detached luxury homes receive pre-finished natural oak hardwood floors for the living and dining rooms, oak staircases with matching pickets and banisters, and granite kitchen counters. Also standard are nine-foot ceilings on the main floor, a gas fireplace, 200 amp electrical service, double garages and central air conditioning.

The last remaining four lots (Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8) at the Estates of Guildwood Village are in Phase 2. Lots 1 and 2 will fit any Courtyard model; Lot 2 will fit any Traditional model.

Lots 7 and 8 have two special designs specifically prepared for these two wider lots. These cul-de-sac lots feature 45-foot frontages. The special designs are both 2,687 square feet in size and offer three- or four-bedroom plans. To view elevations and floor plans for both the Courtyard and Traditional homes, please visit estatesofguildwood.com.

If you wish to see the designs and floorplans for the cul-de-sac homes, please call Marisa Roque at 416-266-5121 and leave your e-mail address or visit the sales centre/model home at 6 Portia St. which is open every weekend from noon to 5 p.m. Weekday showings are by appointment only.

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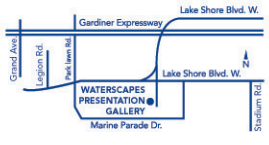

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When renovations make over your marriage

Home improvement can be tough on a relationship

HomeScape

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Are you and your partner undergoing a home renovation? How wonderful! But before I shake your hand, I need to wish you good luck as a couple, because you'll need it.

The old chestnut that home renovation is responsible for ruining many a marriage has a hard kernel of truth, I'm afraid. To keep your marriage intact during a renovation, you'll need to discuss, negotiate disagreements, and reach a decision with civility.

You'll also need to communicate clearly but tactfully that you prefer the olive green rather than that sage that your partner just loves. And you will, from time to time, have to — oh, how I hate the word — compromise.

And did I just refer to "a" decision? Ha! There are thousands of decisions to be made, every day. They'll haunt you in your sleep. And then you'll wake up at the crack of dawn to a whistling contractor banging on your bedroom door.

Did I mention privacy? Well, you can toss aside that quaint notion for now. The contractor banging on the bedroom door? Soon he'll be walking into your room and opening your curtains for you. My advice is to get decent robes for you and your family. You'll be using them.

And there's one more thing. As soon as you break walls or put up new ones, you'll be living in a winter wonderland of drywall dust.

You'll be breathing in drywall dust, and every single thing you own will be saturated with drywall dust. And cleaning the dust will only make you feel better for a little while, because it settles happily back into place after a few hours. My blood pressure is going up just thinking about it.

I know there are some hardy souls who manage to stay cool, cordial and non-stressed during a renovation — my hat's off to them. But I think they're in the minority. The truth is that renovations disrupt your tidy little domestic life like nothing else.

If you and your hubby have small niggling arguments about where to store the cutting boards, renovations have a way of increasing exponentially the number of things about which you can argue.

Furthermore, things that should be mildly irritating end up becoming major irritants. Before long, you're having the same pointless arguments and now they're getting personal.

If you recognize yourself here, take heart. Even the most loving couple can appear to eat each other alive after a few months of reno hell.

The good thing is that renos and the marriage-stressing conditions associated with renos do eventually end. And then you'll suddenly, miraculously, be able to laugh at each other's jokes again.

Sylvia Putz is a journalist with an interest in home decor and design. She has written extensively for the TV show Arresting Design.

Keeping the peace

Here are a few hints from Toronto couples therapist Karen Hirschheimer, *couplethera py.ca*, to make renos easier on your relationship:

Plan ahead

- Talk about what's important to each of you and why. Who will be responsible for what and when?

Have patience

- Be extra patient with each other and those doing the work. Having your home disrupted with people traipsing in and out can be very taxing.
- Keep kids involved, so they don't feel like unwitting victims when their normal, orderly existence is annihilated.
- Keep your cool when things go off track.

Show some respect

- Many partners have a different sense of style. Your home should represent both partners so it's important to make room for both tastes.

Take time out

- Spend quality time together doing fun things.

Forget the extras

- Put off doing things that aren't essential, i.e., don't take on extra projects at work. Renovations and all the decision-making associated with them can be exhausting.

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During home renovations, it takes work to keep your relationship with your partner on an even keel.

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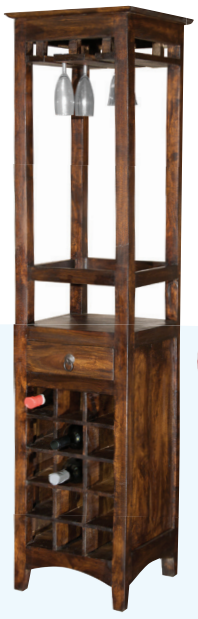

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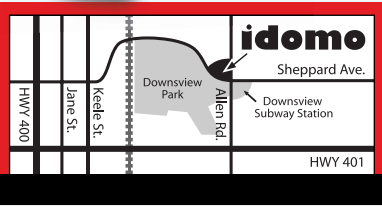

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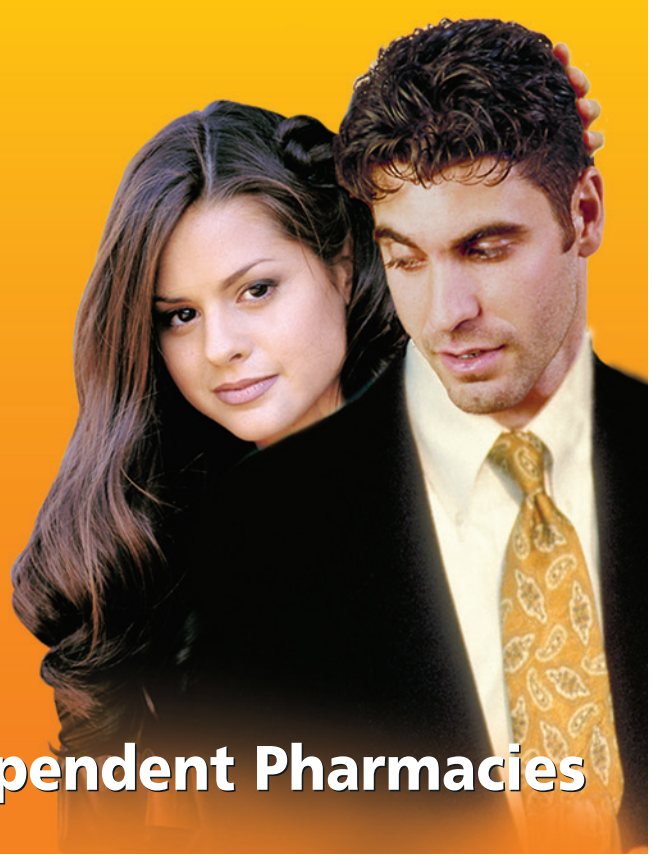

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A real potluck pleaser

À **la** carte

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It seems every open house or potluck party I've attended or hosted has a variation of meatballs in sauce. And despite the fact that they are rather inelegant and drippy, they're familiar comfort food and always popular. Here's one I created a few years ago and serve or take it often. If you have a slow cooker, use it to keep them warm. They freeze well, so make a batch and stash in the freezer till needed.

Alternately serve these meatballs as a simple supper over mashed potatoes.

Cranberry Chipotle Glazed Meatballs

Chipotles are dried smoked jalapeno peppers in a spicy tomato vinegar sauce (adobo sauce). They are quite spicy and add a wonderful rich, smoky flavour. Purée the entire can, including sauce, until smooth. You won't need the entire can, so freeze the remaining in a resealable bag or freezer container for another use, such as chili, pulled pork or to kick up mayonnaise for a dip. Makes about 36 meatballs (recipe can be doubled).

INGREDIENTS:
- 1-1/2 lbs (750 g) lean ground chicken or turkey
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) prepared horseradish
- 2 tsp (10 ml) ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper

Sauce:
- 398 ml can jellied (smooth not whole berry) cranberry sauce
- 215 g can chipotles with adobo sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) horseradish or more to taste
- Salt and pepper

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Place a wire rack(s) over a large shallow rimmed pan. Lightly combine ground chicken or turkey, horseradish, cumin, salt and pepper and roll into small balls (about 1-inch/2.5 cm). Place balls on rack. Bake until cooked through, about 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, place cranberry sauce in a 4-cup (1 L) glass measure or small saucepan. Microwave or cook over low heat until sauce has melted. Purée the entire can of chipotles and adobo sauce. Add 2 tbsp (30 ml) purée to cranberry sauce, along with horseradish and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a gentle boil, reduce heat and simmer a few minutes. Taste and adjust heat level (chipotles) or seasoning.

Combine meatballs and sauce. If serving soon, bring mixture to a simmer, transfer to a slow cooker, chafing dish or warm serving dish. If making ahead, cool then refrigerate or freeze. Reheat when ready to serve.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

Maroli showcases Malabari cuisine

FESTIVAL Fall is in full swing but things will be heating up downtown at the inaugural Malabari Food Festival 2008. The Malabar region of India lies along the southwest coast of the Indian peninsula and forms the northern part of the present-day Indian state of Kerala. Maroli holds the distinction of being the only Malabari (Kerala) restaurant in Toronto.

On Saturday and Sunday, Maroli will showcase savoury items from Malabar and allow visitors to taste unique Malabar cuisine, which has been influenced by Dutch, British, French, Portuguese and Arab culinary arts from various regimes in the 17th through 20th century. Maroli is located at 630 Bloor St. W.

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Do as the Mediterraneans do

People looking for low-cost meals to cook at home in tough economic times — but who don't want to be frugal with flavour — can find comfort in a wide range of Mediterranean meals, says Canada's newest celebrity chef.

After all, Anthony Sedlak says a lot of traditional Mediterranean dishes date back to times when there wasn't a lot of money to buy meat or have special gourmet cream sauces.

"For instance, pasta is cheap, cheap, cheap. To get lots of flavour into that pasta the Italians would use pancetta, a dried cured bacon, but you only need a little bit of it to infuse a meaty flavour for a whole dish," said Sedlak, 25, who is of Czech decent but was born in Prince George, B.C., and raised in North Vancouver.

"So look to Mediterranean dishes. They use a lot of big flavours, lots of fresh vegetables, lots of colourful foods and not a ton of meat, which is usually the expensive stuff," said Sedlak.

The advice also comes from the style of food Sedlak cooks on his television show, The Main, which is now in its second season on the Food Network.

A companion cookbook called The Main: Recipes has also just been released as Canadians looking to save money start cooking more at home instead of eating out. Here is a meal from The Main: Recipes:

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Chef Anthony Sedlak, host of The Main on the Food Network, poses for a photograph with some simple canapes he prepared at his home in Vancouver.

My Grandmother's Pork Rouladen

"Pork roulade is another one of my oma's (grandmother's) signature dishes and one of the top 10 most delicious things I've ever eaten: Paper-thin slices of pork brushed with spicy Dijon mustard, stuffed with pickles and capers, wrapped in bacon and seared to perfection. What's not to love?"

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 pork cutlets (centre-cut pork tenderloin)
- Salt and pepper
- 10 ml (2 tsp) Dijon mustard
- 10 ml (2 tsp) thyme leaves
- 8 pickles
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped capers
- 8 slices bacon
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) white wine (divided)
- 5 or 6 sprigs thyme
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) sour cream
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) grainy mustard

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 180 C (350 F).

In between 2 pieces of plastic wrap, pound each piece of pork to 5 mm (1/4 inch) thickness. Cut each piece in half. Season each piece of pork with salt and pepper.

Spread 2 ml (1/2 tsp) of the Dijon mustard on each and sprinkle with thyme leaves. Place pickles on short end of pork (1 pickle on each piece), and sprinkle entire surface with capers. Starting at the short end and rolling away from you, roll pork into a cigar shape and wrap each bundle with a slice of bacon. Tie each pork bundle with butcher's twine. Repeat with remaining pieces of pork.

In a large skillet with an ovenproof handle, heat oil over medium-high heat. Sear pork rolls on all sides for 5 to 6 minutes or until bacon is crispy. Add 125 ml (1/2 cup) white wine to deglaze, making sure to scrape up all the brown bits. Add thyme sprigs.

Transfer skillet to preheated oven and continue cooking pork for another 4 to 5 minutes or until cooked through. Remove from oven and transfer pork rolls to another dish. Add remaining 50 ml (1/4 cup) white wine, sour cream and grainy mustard to skillet. Stir to combine.

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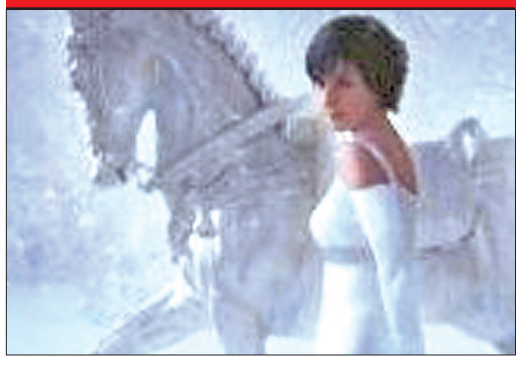

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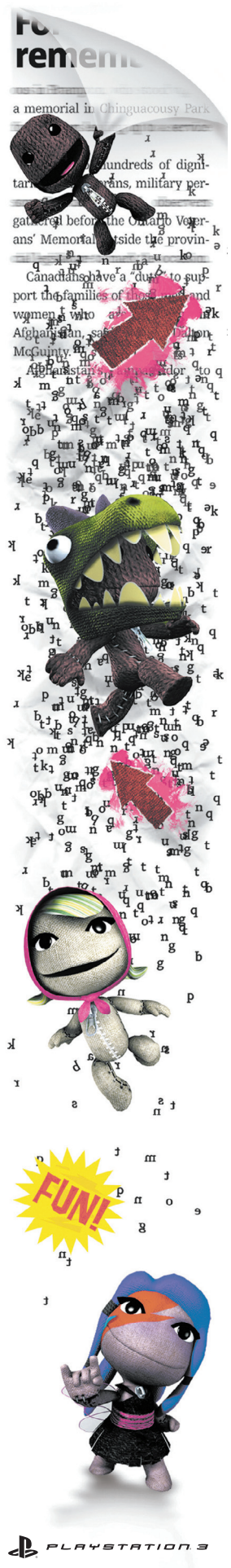

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Zune gives iPod run for its money

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Once a one-word punch line on online geek forums, Microsoft's Zune has been getting more respect in the last year, as second- and third-generation players and a major software update has changed its status from joke to contender.

The iPod's ubiquity might have reached a tipping point and begun diminishing its cool factor, but a comparision between the two players has become something like a fair fight.

There are a lot of digital music players, but the Zune and the iPod are the Beatles and Rolling Stones, as Microsoft's entry into the market two years ago quickly zoomed past more established players like Creative, iRiver and Sansa to second place, albeit far behind iPod's massive market share (73 per cent, at least according to Apple as of last year.)

In terms of usability, Zune stole the march on the iPod with the last major revision of Apple's operating system, when the famously elegant interface gave way to a graphics-heavy split screen that felt kludgy, especially when Coverflow was engaged. Zune's interface, controlled by a signature "squircle" pad with its mix of click and touch sensitivity, feels more responsive, and the larger screen on the Zune gives the player's interface readability.

With its choice of customizable wallpapers and the Zune Originals — artist-decorated players available at no extra cost — Microsoft has reversed the brand myths that have made Apple the epitome of creative rebellion versus Microsoft's faceless behemoth, but the iPod was going to have a hard time maintaining that image for the iPod once it reached market saturation anyway.

The Zune adds features — FM radio, Wi-Fi — that Apple has curiously neglected, while eschewing an EQ that would be a minus if the player didn't have basically excellent sound. Apple, in the meantime, has shown a commitment to its standard issue subpar earbuds that's almost perverse. And since Apple axed its 160-GB iPod from the Classic line, the two players compete neatly on memory capacity, with the Zune's frequent price drops on its smaller flash players (4, 8 and 16 GB players for $99, $139 and $179 respectively) making it the better deal.

The Zune's software has also improved, moving from a reskinned Windows Media Player to an integrated suite combining music database and syncing interface, download shop and the Social — the Facebook lite users' community that it obviously intends as a killer app against Apple. It might be that one day, once there are enough Zune owners out there, but so far my community of Zune friends is limited to two nice publicists at Microsoft's PR firm, and as there's no Canadian version of the Marketplace, the Zune will really only be competing with small-fry players in this market.

Apple's iTunes remains superior, however as an organizing tool for large music libraries, though bugs (disappearing tunes, album artwork, and even whole libraries) have developed a Windows-like frequency as the program has grown in size and demands on computer CPUs. Apple's iPod Touch, an entirely new piece of hardware and software, also points the way to a future the Zune will be forced to follow. And for anyone whose music library exceeds the capacity of the largest players (120GB, for both iPod and Zune), the playing field belongs to iTunes, with its Airport wireless networking capability. It's not hard to imagine a day when Apple, the computer maker, leaves the music player field to Microsoft, the software giant, to concentrate on iTunes as a digital entertainment system.

Microsoft's 80G Zune music player at left, and the Apple iPod Touch at right.

Honky-tonk and headbangers among holiday's jolliest jingles

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CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME for family, gift exchanges and musicians to rehash the traditional songs of the season in their particular style, for better or worse. So in the interest of saving you time and sanity this Christmas, Metro perused some of the season's jolliest jingles.

Various **Artists**

Album: We Wish You a Metal Xmas and a Headbanging New Year
Label: Armoury
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

Gods of hard rock unite to shred and wail all your favourite seasonal standards in this raucous and wonderful collection of mirth-making metal mayhem. Jams of note include God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen as howled by Ronnie James Dio, and a take on Silent Night done in part by Testament's Chuck Billy and Anthrax's Scott Ian — a version of the hymn that is anything but quiet. An absolute must for those who will celebrate Jesus' birth by pumping their devil horns in the air.

Harry **Connick Jr.**

Album: What A Night! A Christmas Album
Label: Columbia
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

You can tell Connick wasn't trying to bore the listener with a collection of the same olds on his third Christmas album — though you'll find a few here. Connick does skirt the line between fun and fromage (There's a track called Santarrific), but he does so bravely. He's at his best when he brings his N'awlins Yat style to the music; doing a convincing job on Charles Brown's blues lament Please Come Home For Christmas and opening up the album with It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year to a quasi-zydeco beat.

Anne **Murray**

Album: Anne Murray's Christmas Album
Label: EMI
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

Anne Murray's seventh Christmas album is everything you might expect. The Canadian music icon knows her audience and sticks to what she does well. Sugary productions with a countrified twang lay out the traditional tracks. Can-Con contemporaries Michael Bublé and Diana Krall join Murray on her latest, increasing the likelihood that one of these covers may find its way onto a CBC Christmas special that your mom will watch with bells on.

Enya

Album: And Winter Came
Label: Warner Bros.
Rating: ⊕⊕½

Irish songstress Enya has chosen to make a Christmas album her first release in three years, even though she already has three seasonal works to her name.

And none of it deviates from her Celtic new-age modus operandi; drawn out "oohs" and "aahs" weave in with ebbing and flowing long chords while she jumps from English to Latin to Gaelic. The stars twinkle, nights are full of kisses — you'll find all manner of such generic sentimental dross here. Tryptophan for the ear.

Various **Artists**

Album: Country Heat Christmas 3
Label: Sony/BMG
Rating: ⊕

Some of the genre's brightest stars unite, yet again, to shamelessly unleash a collection of horrifying slack-jawed treatments upon an undeserving public. Offenders include ex-Idol Kellie Pickler, who takes the already tasteless Santa Baby to ostentatious new lows, and Canadian Paul Brandt, who regurgitates novelty song Convoy into a narrative-led disaster.

Other such acts play to the unfair hillbilly stereotype — adding the Hee Haw along with the heat on what will likely be this year's most abrasive Christmas album.

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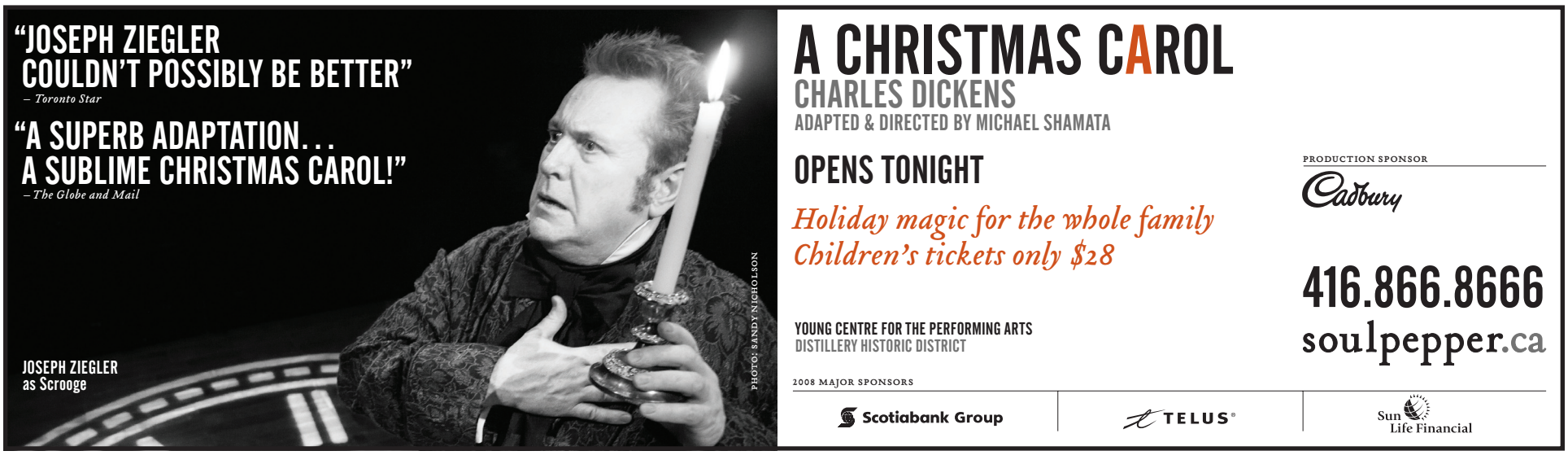

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Gifts that help others

Support local and international charities this holiday

You may be home for the holidays but, for many Canadians, 'tis the season to think far beyond their own hearth — and borders.

"We are just consistently amazed at Canadians' compassion. That's really a trait of Canadians, our ability to think beyond ourselves," says World Vision director of public relations Karen Homer.

This is the eighth year the Christian relief agency's seasonal catalogue (view it at worldvision.ca) is helping Canadians contribute gifts considered invaluable in the developing world, either on their own or on behalf of someone else.

The top-selling item in last year's catalogue was two hens and a rooster ($55), and among this year's offerings are water filters ($75). You can also keep your gift closer to home by giving $30 to feed a Canadian family.

"I've had the benefit of being in remote villages in the middle of the Sahara, seeing the difference a goat can make. For people living on $1 a day, that's just an outstanding gift, the equivalent of an Xbox for the kids of the village," says Homer.

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UNICEF cards and merchandise, sold online at unicef.ca or at retailers such as Ikea, Rona, Pier 1 and the Bay, also help children in developing countries.

"By supporting UNICEF, you're making those purchases you're going to make anyway. At the same time, you're helping children around the world, which is really the spirit of the holidays," says Jerry Seligman, director of sales and marketing.

Closer to home, you can find a gift for virtually everyone on your list among the online selection to benefit the Hospital for Sick Children (sickkidsfoundation.com).

There's a new emphasis on consumer gifts instead of straight donations, says Heather Broll, director of community involvement.

From gift baskets and flower arrangements to cameras and books for kids, in most cases the hospital gets 20 per cent of the proceeds.

Shed some light in the darkness that surrounds mental illness by giving Gifts of Light to those at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (camhgiftsoflight.ca), who may not experience the comfort of home this holiday season. Purchase personal items such as a toiletry kit for $10, a blanket for $35, pyjamas and slippers for $45, or a robe for $75.

Got an animal lover on your list? The Toronto Zoo has a $70 Adopt-an-Animal holiday package. It includes a 2009 calendar, plush polar bear, adoption certificate with a colour photo of the animal and the adopter's name on a special wall at the zoo.

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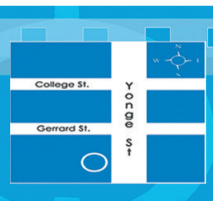

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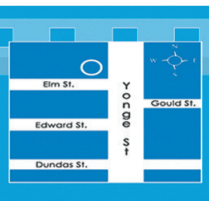

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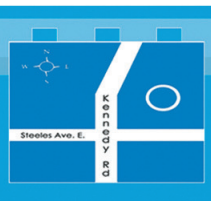

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Online shopping gaining ground

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Crowded stores, frustrated shoppers, inexperienced and temporary holiday help at the store — it might all add up to make online Christmas shopping more attractive.

More customers are opting to complete their shopping lists with the click of a button, buying their Christmas presents at online retailers, and the number of online shoppers around the world is expected to rise this year. IMRG, an online membership community for e-retailers, released a survey in late October that concluded the Internet is becoming an increasingly important tool for driving consumer choice.

Of the 2 million people surveyed, 68 per cent said they're more likely to shop online for Christmas this year, compared with 56 per cent in 2007. And 86 per cent of shoppers said they would research all options online before buying in-store.

It's also a growing trend in Canada, says Andrea Hadley, a conference director at eMetrics, an online retailer analyst. Increased broadband access, coupled with more American interest, has moved more retailers to follow the market.

"There's consistent growth in Canada, and so long as the customer has a good experience as a user, you'll continue to see it," she said.

It's not hard to see why, says Bernard Luthi, vice-president of merchandising at online retailer Newegg.ca. He argues customers are tired of dealing with throngs of angry shoppers during the Christmas rush. Infrastructure costs such as employee wages and maintenance factor into the price tag at the store — something Luthi says online retailers and customers don't have to worry about.

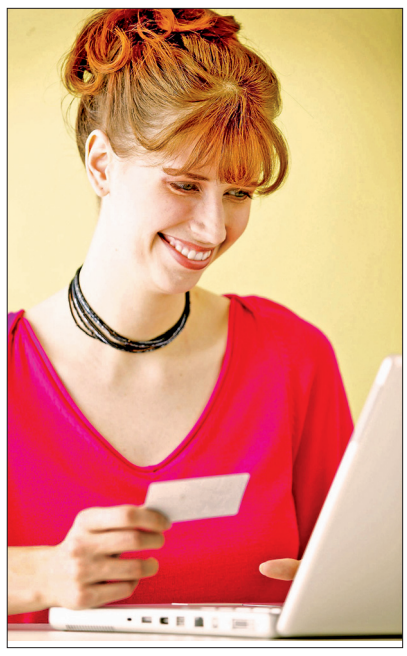
"We're predicting growth in the double digits this year because people are becoming more cost-conscious," he said. "You're also spending time and gas money to get to these retail establishments. Online, you have more time to (do) in-depth research on the product that you want to buy."

While security remains an issue, Hadley says it has improved, along with perceptions, over the past three years.

If you are going to buy online, the earlier you order the better to ensure what you've bought gets to you by Christmas.

Don't leave online shopping to the last minute either, Luthi says, adding you can expect to wait at least 3-5 days before you get your package from your online retailer.

"We always advise, especially in the Christmas season, to give yourself adequate time," he said.



Shop from the comfort of home.

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Holiday shipping 101

When packages arrive at your loved ones' doorsteps this holiday season, ensure they arrive on time and ready to delight.

Shipping experts encourage consumers and businesses to think ahead when it comes to shipping this holiday season. Consider the following dos and don'ts when preparing gifts:

Don't

- Use masking tape, duct tape or electrical tape to seal boxes. These kinds of materials, along with other opaque tapes, may lack strength to hold the box together and can obscure addresses.
- Tie your package together with string, rope or elastic bands. These items can potentially get caught in processing equipment or torn off, damaging the parcel itself.
- Use real holiday wrapping paper to ship a gift, as it is likely to get torn up throughout the delivery cycle. Use strong, durable shipping paper instead.
- Allow any parts of your gift to protrude from the box, as it may get caught in processing equipment.
- Forget to include clearly visible shipping and receiving addresses, complete with postal codes.

Do

- Whenever possible, use a new box to ship your gift as previously-used boxes lose their strength over time.
- Use cardboard inserts to protect the edges of books and picture frames and pack against one corner of the box as opposed to the middle.
- Cover hollow items like toy buckets with large bubble wrap on the outside and inside.
- Use plenty of packing chips to fill in empty spaces in parcels that contain lightweight gifts.

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Hot gifts for her

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The best bet is always makeup when you're not sure what to get your sister, girlfriend or wife. Here are some great holiday gift sets perfect for the budget-conscious:

1 All the fine makeup essentials tucked away in a little treasure chest. Quo secret treasure gift set, $40, is available at Shoppers Drug Mart (shoppersdrugmart.ca).

2 Keep your lips plump and shiny for a New Year's kiss. Du Wop limited edition gift set. $42, is available at Beauty Mark (beautymark.ca).

3 Primp up at the parties with the gold clutch at hand. Clarins Chic n Glam holiday gift set, $49, is available at Sears (sears.com).

Hostess with the mostess (gifts under $75)

Don't show up empty-handed at the next party you're going to. Show your appreciation by giving the host a gift.

4 For the fashionable hostess give her the essence of John Galliano in a candle. John Galliano candle by Diptyque, $72, is available at Lola (lolahomeandapparel.com).

5 The host that loves all things luxurious will love to pamper themselves in 23kt gold leaf body essentials. Linden Leaves Gold gift set, $74, is available at The Bay (hbc.com).

6 Liked the party? Give the host another reason to invite you over again. Palais de Thés glass mini tea set, $75, is available at Farfalla (shopfarfalla.ca).

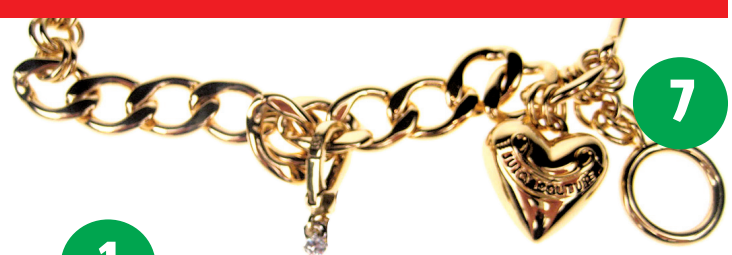
Sparkle and shine ($100+ gifts)

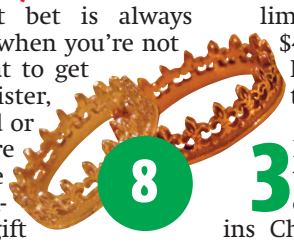
For that special someone, leave her gleaming bright this holiday with jewelry.

7 The perfect gift to commemorate the holidays: Juicy Couture charm and bracelet, $120, is available at Hills (hillsofkerrisdale.com).

8 Ring in the New Year with this sweet Fleur-de-lis design ring. Corpus Christi ring, $145, is available at Lola (lolahomeandapparel.com).

9 Let her sparkle this season with this beautiful necklace you could wear with just about anything. Lolo necklace, $175, is available at Beauty Mark (beautymark.ca).





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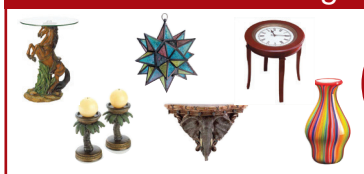

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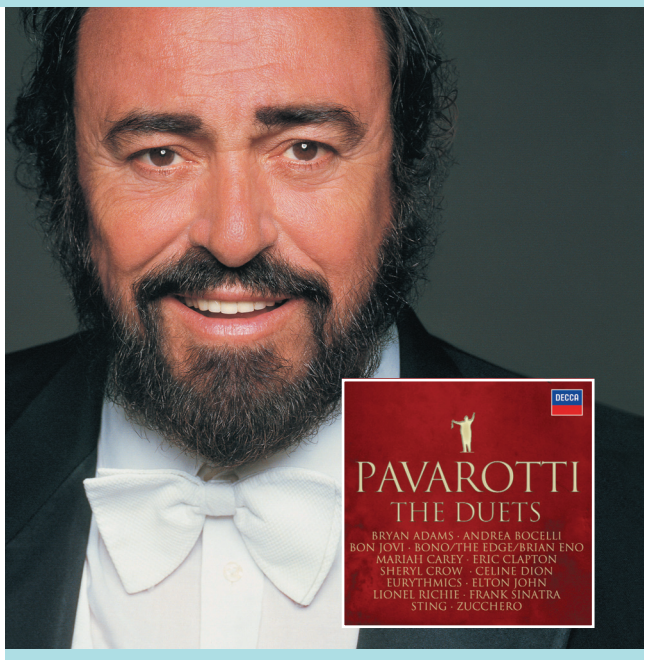

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Sirius Stiletto 2, and the XMp3 Satellite Radio, far left.

XMp3 Satellite Radio ($279; XM subscription $14.99/month)

Sirius Stiletto 2 ($299.99; Sirius subscription $14.99/month)

Tivoli NetWorks Internet radio ($649.99)

Top 40 playlists, rigid oldies formats and endless talk have made conventional radio a dreary experience, but satellite and Internet radio offer relief — with a few conditions. With Internet radio, you need an Ethernet or Wi-Fi connection, and with satellite you need a clear "sightline" of the two competing satellite networks that, in Canada at least, haven't merged together into one yet.

Previous generations of portable satellite players turned into bricks the moment you entered a tunnel or subway or fell into a satellite grey area, so both Sirius and XM have updated their iPod-like units with microSD memory slots that allow you to turn their radios into conventional mp3 players. Commuting to work with both machines on Toronto's surface transit had XM's network holding connections just a bit better than the Sirius Stiletto 2, and the Sirius' Altec Lansing combination headphone/antenna was a bit too close-fitting, pinching the arms of my glasses painfully against my temples. A slightly lower price tag, in addition to a more compact design, gave the XMp3 a decided edge.

Tivoli is famous for their small but luxurious PAL radio, and the NetWorks takes the PAL's good looks and great sound and builds an Internet radio into it. Configuration on my home Wi-Fi network was quick, and the choice of stations generous. The interface is a bit retro — think first-generation monochrome iPod screen — but the sound was spectacular, especially for digitally compressed streaming, and that would be most of what you'd be paying (dearly) for.

Sansa Clip 4GB ($89.99)

Sansa Fuze 4GB ($99.99)

The Sansa Clip 4GB.

For iPod and Zune refuseniks, there's still a wealth of very nice mp3 players out there, and Sandisk has been quietly holding their corner of the flash memory player market for years. The Clip is meant to compete with the iPod Shuffle, and while this little grey unit might not be as minimal as Apple's lite player, it has a lot that the Shuffle doesn't, including a tidy little screen, an FM radio, an EQ, the ability to play more than just a single random playlist, and twice the memory of the 2GB Shuffle at almost the same price. The plastic clip at the back seems a bit flimsier than the Shuffle's, but it held on just as well during a gym workout.

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Sony MDRNC6 headphones.

Sony MDRNC500D noise-cancelling headphones ($449.99)

Sony MDRNC6 noise-cancelling headphones ($79.99)

Sony NWZ-S736F 4GB music player with noise-cancelling headphones ($149.99)

One of the reasons why mp3 players can make you deaf is the volume necessary to drown out background noise during daily commutes. Noise-cancelling headphones let you listen at reasonable volume while blocking out the din, but effectiveness comes at a price.

Sony's NWZ-S736F music player system comes married to a pair of noise-cancelling earbuds, and it does a fine enough job competing with the sounds of traffic and airplane engines. Like the standalone DJ-style MDRNC6 earphones, the effect was that background sound was cut down to a level where music could compete with it on a level playing field — diminishing, but not cancelling.

Sony MDRNC500D headphones, and the Fuze, at left.

Sony's MDRNC500D are the sorts of high-end units you see frequent fliers pull out of special carrying cases in first-class sections of planes: sleek and well-made, with a range of accessories including a battery pack to augment the rechargeable battery on long flights. They promise 99 per cent noise-cancellation, and do a pretty good job delivering, with excellent audio quality to boot, but at a hefty price tag.

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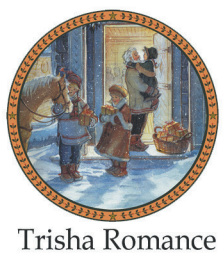

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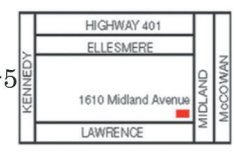

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Style

H&M partners with Williamson

It'll be a colour-drenched summer. Renowned British designer Matthew Williamson, known for his colourful collections, will be H&M's next guest designer. His first collection will be an exclusive women's fashion range, which will hit select stores on April 23. To follow will be men's and women's summer pieces available at H&M stores worldwide in mid-May. Last year, Williamson was honoured with an exhibition at the Design Museum in London called "Matthew Williamson — 10 Years in Fashion." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Joe is full of fresh ideas

Joseph Mimran's creative, affordable designs keep him ahead

NOELLE MUNARETTO
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Joseph Mimran has come a long way since his number-crunching days as a public accountant.

The dapper founder of Loblaw's Joe Fresh Style has built an impressive career in the fashion industry and has launched some of Canada's most well-known labels. Mimran's undeniable business savvy allows each of his ventures to blossom, but it is really the creativity of his designs that keeps Canadian fashion lovers coming back for more.

Over the past two and a half years, Mimran has turned the Joe Fresh brand into an expanding business that is expected to eventually reach $1 billion in sales. The company also holds the second-highest market share for apparel in Canada.

Mimran, who established Alfred Sung, Club Monaco and Caban, says he couldn't help feeling excited when Loblaw approached him about designing home products for President's Choice.

"Then, after a few years of doing their home products, they asked me if I would be willing to create an apparel brand for them," says Mimran, who is also the chair of the Fashion Design Council of Canada. "I thought it would be fantastic. Doing cheap chic, being able to talk to the masses and give them great design was a great opportunity."

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Joseph Mimran, the founder of Loblaw's Joe Fresh Style line. Mimran says the accessibility and affordability today's consumers demand have helped his business succeed.

The Joe Fresh line includes fashions for men, women and children as well as accessories. All of the designs are developed at the Joseph Mimran & Associates office in Toronto, where Mimran and his team put together runway-worthy looks at mass-market prices.

"We take the trends that are occurring and interpret them in a Joe Fresh way that will resonate with our consumers across the country," he says.

At L'Oréal Fashion Week in Toronto, Mimran debuted the Joe Fresh Style spring 2009 collection. He said showing alongside other high-end Canadian labels — like his wife Kimberley Newport-Mimran's Pink Tartan brand of women's wear — gives credibility to Joe Fresh Style for both shoppers and fashion media.

"The scrutiny of the runway is the most demanding," he says, adding that criticism also drives him to offer the best product possible."I never want to settle for anything that does not feel like quality, because if it does not pass that test for me it should not carry the brand," he says.

Mimran says the accessibility and affordability today's consumers demand have helped his business succeed. Most importantly, he says Joe Fresh cultivates his passion for great design.

"It's very exciting coming up with ideas, working with colour, working with textures, fabrics and prints," says Mimran.

"It's something that once you get it into your system, into your blood, it's very difficult to not be doing it and not be thinking about it."

"Doing cheap chic, being able to talk to the masses and give them great design was a great opportunity."

Joe Mimran, designer of Joe Fresh Style

Joe Fresh Style runway looks — spring 2009

Ribbed striped boatneck, $24, long striped ribbed cardigan, $29, nylon shorts, $16 and travel tote, $29.

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Style **File**

ask kim

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E-mail your style questions to *kim.elbo@gmail.com.*

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

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Mittens

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Entertainment

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Label: Geffen/Universal
Rating: ●●●½

THIS WOULD HAVE been a landmark album if it had been released 15 years ago when Axl Rose began his Arthurian quest. It may have even saved hair metal from the onslaught of grunge (doubtful). Now, with its gunslinger guitars and castrato vocals, Chinese Democracy seems like a shiny relic unearthed from hair-metal Camelot. Rose has finally given us his Sgt. Pepper of pop metal. At times it reaches power-ballad heaven. At others, it merely tastes like overdone Meatloaf. Maybe Axl left it in the oven a little too long.

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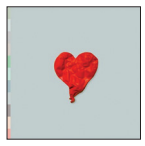
Kanye West
Album: 808s & Heartbreak
Label: Roc-A-Fella/Universal
Rating: ●●●



SINCE THE DEATH of his mother and the dissolution of a long-term relationship, the usually brash Kanye West has been more subdued — at least musically. His follow-up to last year's Graduation is a somber affair with slow, mellow songs about heartbreak and loss. While it's not nearly as exciting as his previous efforts, it's still intriguing to see this hip-hop superstar get in touch with his softer side. The biggest detraction isn't the few plodding tunes that could have been edited out, it's the overzealous use of auto-tune. If only he used his own vocal skills, than this could have been a classic.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

The Fireman
Album: Electric Arguments
Label: ATO/MPL
Rating: ●●●½

PAUL MCCARTNEY HAS been desperately seeking to prove his artistic mettle ever since Yoko Ono came out with that devastating "rhymes June with spoon" comment. One of the ways he's been doing that is through his Fireman collaborations with Killing Joke producer Youth. Here he steps it up a notch, adding immediately recognizable vocals and long shards of rootsy melody to the acid-drenched brew. The result is a remarkably satisfying alt-rock album that would fit in on many indie-kid playlists. Let's not forget that McCartney's name shares space with Lennon's, however nominally, on such classic psychedelics as I Am The Walrus and Tomorrow Never Knows.

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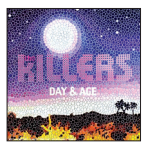
The Killers
Album: Day And Age
Label: Island Def Jam/Universal
Rating: ●●●



HOW CAN YOU not like an album that asks the question "Are we human or are we dancer?" Smoke a big one and you can spend hours mulling over its anti-grammatical philosophy. Killers frontman Brandon Flowers says the lyric to the single Human was inspired by a remark from the late king of gonzo Hunter S. Thompson. Thompson's madness was well-rooted in '60s drug-induced mayhem. The Killers are mired in '80s synth-pop, which is fine if all you want is to dance along with everyone else. This band is capable of more.

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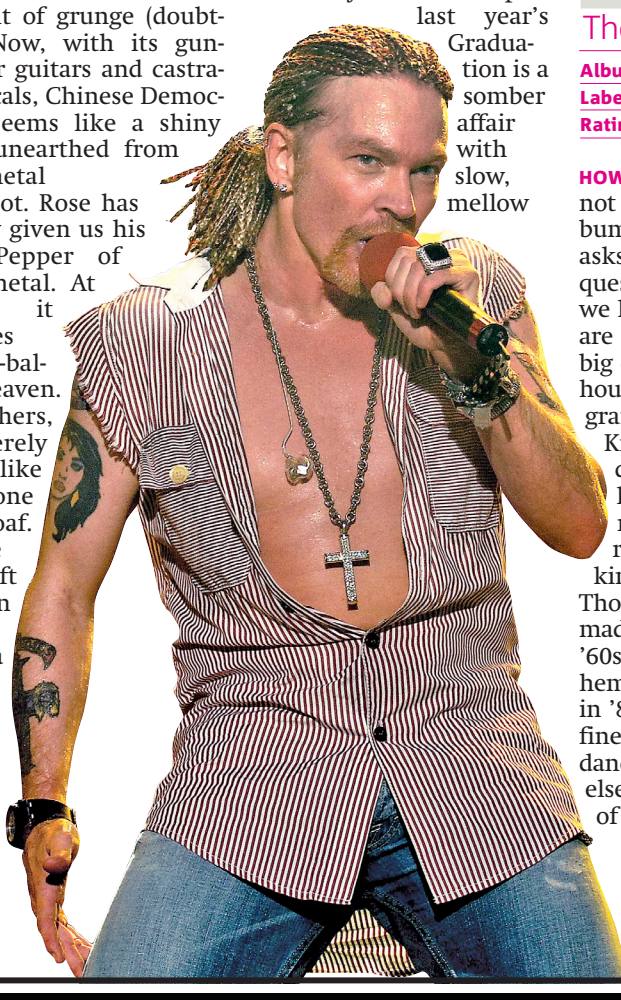

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Jackman set to pull Houdini act

Actor Hugh Jackman is reportedly set to star as Harry Houdini in a Broadway musical based on the life of the legendary illusionist. **IMDB.COM**

Scott Weiland

Album: Happy In Galoshes
Label: Soft Drive/MapleMusic
Rating: ⊕⊕½

NEIL YOUNG MIGHT have been onto something when he said it's better to burn out than to fade away. Stone Temple Pilots frontman Scott Weiland's latest solo effort is a uninspiring collection of middling pop rock tunes. Although it's not offensive, it's mostly forgettable, and that's the worst thing that can happen to a former rock 'n' roll icon.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Ludacris

Album: Theater Of The Mind
Label: DTP/Def Jam/Universal
Rating: ⊕⊕

HAVING GAINED CRED as an actor, Ludacris figures that's reason enough to invite some thespian pals (Chris Rock, Jamie Foxx) to cameo on his sixth effort. Too bad said cast has to endure its star's formulaic script of crass boasts and mindless flows of n-bombs, b-bombs and mofo-bombs, all against terribly bland beatbox backdrops. **Ian Nathanson/for Metro Canada**

Holding On To Whatever is the third full-length album from Winnipeg rock band The Waking Eyes.

Whatever it takes

It took The Waking Eyes four years to find right sound

NOELLE MUNARETTO
for Metro Canada

It took two side projects, three B-side discs, four years, and over one hundred songs for The Waking Eyes to finally release their third full-length album, Holding On To Whatever It Is, to eager fans and critics.

The Winnipeg-based quartet debuted their latest musical creation to stellar reviews, and recently completed a residency at Toronto's El Mocambo.

For Matt Peters, one of the Waking Eyes' lead vocalists, the success is sweet. He also says it's overdue.

"This record was a long time coming and a long time in the works," says Peters. "We just started writing songs, and we didn't really know what we were going to make. We didn't know where it was going to go because it was a process of re-introducing ourselves to our creative instincts."

Peters, along with fellow band members Joey Penner, Rusty Matyas and Steve Senkiw, wrote and recorded from the fall of 2005 until the summer of 2007. To select songs for the album, the band summoned their elementary school spirit and created star rating system. They were left with 12 incredibly different, eclectic and sonorous tracks. Peters wouldn't have it any other way either.

"The songs that we ended up choosing, sure they're kind of all over the place, but that's sort of what we do," he says. "That's our sound — we don't really have one."

The uptempo feel Holding On To Whatever It Is exudes was also a purposeful choice, says Peters. "All and all we definitely wanted to make something that was more danceable," he adds.

Since their formation in 2001, The Waking Eyes have struck a chord with the indie music scene in both Canada and abroad. After signing with Coalition Entertainment Records, they were nominated for a Casby Award in 2004, took home the 2005 Canadian Independent Music Award for Favourite Group Of The Year, and most recently graced this October's cover of CHART Magazine.

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Having toured with Finger Eleven earlier this year, the band is now gearing up for a cross-Canada tour by performing their new material. Most of all, Peters says the residency introduces people to their unique sound.

"I don't really think there are that many bands doing what we do," says Peters. "I think we're trying to carve out our own niche."

Aside from the new record's release, Peters says the best part about this experience is being able to play alongside his fellow bandmates.

"I don't know any band who is genuinely as attached as we are. We love each other and that's good," he says. "I don't want to make music with anyone else."

In concert

- The Waking Eyes play a gig at Supermarket (268 Augusta Ave.) tonight.

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Gibson to answer Passion questions

Gibson

MOVIES A Los Angeles judge says Mel Gibson must answer questions about planning and filming The Passion of the Christ in response to a screenwriter's lawsuit.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Gregory Alarcon on Tuesday ordered Gibson to appear for a deposition by mid-January.

Screenwriter Benedict Fitzgerald claims he was underpaid for his work on Passion.

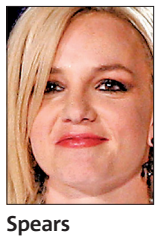
Vanity Fair Oscar party coming back

MOVIES The hottest Oscar after-party in town is back — only smaller.

Vanity Fair says its annual Academy Awards party is returning for next year's Oscar night on Feb. 22. The magazine's 2008 bash was cancelled in support of the Hollywood writers' strike.

The A-list soiree, which has boasted such guests as Madonna and former U.S. vice-president Al Gore, will take place at West Hollywood's Sunset Tower Hotel, instead of its traditional home, the restaurant Morten's.

Spears to perform on U.K. TV show



Spears

MUSIC Britney Spears is heading to London this week to perform live on The X Factor TV show.

She also is giving two concerts in London in June. A Spears' representative announced those concerts and said they will be her only European stops on a world tour.

Spears is expected to sing Womanizer on television this Saturday. The single was recorded for a soon-to-be-released album.

MTV set to host ball for Obama

MUSIC MTV is throwing an inaugural ball for president-elect Barack Obama.The network says it will host the Be the Change Inaugural Ball at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington on Jan. 20. The event will be televised live across MTV's many channels and platforms, including MTV and MTV.com.

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Brolin has no regrets about turning down Terminator role

Actor Josh Brolin has no regrets about turning down a part in Terminator Salvation because the final script is reportedly totally different from the one he originally read. IMDB.COM

Killers break out the oddness

Gaudy spectacle meets aliens on Las Vegas quartet's latest album

The Killers are back, and this time they've brought the weird.

The Las Vegas quartet's third studio album Day & Age sees them tapping into a little of their hometown's oddness in both new image and sound.

They break out steel drums, harpsichords and horns. They sing about alien abduction. Their new stage outfits feature animal prints and plumage.

"The word 'playful' keeps coming up," says Brandon Flowers, the singer and keyboardist. `"We just really had fun. And I think it shows in the album."

It's a gaudy new direction for the synth-rock group that emerged in 2004 with the singles-driven Hot Fuss and disappointed some when they went to cowboy country with the follow-up, Sam's Town.

Flowers — along with guitarist Dave Keuning, bassist Mark Stoermer and drummer Ronnie Vannucci — say the new album is their most poppy, and also their most experimental.

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The Killers, from left, Mark Stoermer, Brandon Flowers, Dave Keuning and Ronnie Vannucci are photographed at Milk Studio in New York in this September 2006 file photo.

"You can have both, right?" asks the baby-faced Flowers, 27 during a recent interview. He's alongside Keuning, the long-haired, 32-year-old yin to his bandmate's yang.

The new 10-song CD has stuff you can dance to, such as the Tears For Fears-like The World We Live In and the funky Joy Ride, alongside straight-ahead pop with Losing Touch and rock opera on Goodnight, Travel Well.

"The pop instinct is definitely glowing right now for us. It's like pulsing," says Flowers.

"It's radiating," Keuning agrees.

Speaking of glowing, what's up with the song Spaceman? In it, Flowers sings about aliens abducting him from his bed, cutting him open and leaving "a strange impression in my head."

"I was taken," says Flowers, trying to be completely serious until he cracks up. "I can laugh about it now. It was kind of cathartic to sing about it."

"I also was taken," Keuning says. "Hours of my life are missing."

Their goofiness bleeds into the first single, Human, in which Flowers asks "Are we human/Or are we dancer?" The song was inspired by a comment Hunter S. Thompson made about how America was raising a generation of dancers.

Then there's the outfits. The Wyatt Earp moustaches from their last album are gone. But they haven't returned to the pastels, suits and eyeliner of their debut.

"There are a lot of tiger prints. And feathers," says Flowers. "There's all kinds of things going on.

"It took 12 million records sold to break out the feathers. I don't know why."

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Hip-hop artist charged in road-rage death in L.A.

CRIME A Swedish hip-hop artist and songwriter has been arrested following a confrontation on a Hollywood street in which a pedestrian died.

Authorities say David Jassy, a 34-year-old musician also known as Dave Monopoly, was to be arraigned yesterday on charges of assault, battery and leaving the scene of a deadly accident.

Prosecutors claim that the victim, John Osnes, slapped Jassy's rented sport utility vehicle Sunday when it crept into his crosswalk.

Jassy then got out of his car, punched Osnes in the face then kicked him in the head when Osnes bent over to pick up his glasses, Los Angeles prosecutors alleged in a statement.

Jassy then allegedly broke free of several people trying to restrain him and ran over Osnes as he tried to flee. Osnes died at a hospital later Sunday.

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Downey Jr. worried about quality of Avengers film
Actor Robert Downey Jr. is concerned about the upcoming remake of the comic book classic The Avengers, urging moviemakers to get it right or "it will really suck." IMDB.COM

Updike the laureate of bad sex

Novelist honoured for lifetime of writing awful sex scenes

It's not quite the Nobel Prize but John Updike has a new literary accolade — laureate of bad sex.

Updike, who has a long and graphic history of detailing coupling on the page, won a lifetime achievement award Tuesday from judges of Britain's Bad Sex in Fiction Prize, which celebrates crude, tasteless or ridiculous sexual passages in modern literature.

The judges, editors of Literary Review magazine, said Updike had been shortlisted for the prize four times in its 16-year history.

"Good sex or bad sex, he has kept us entertained for many years," they said in a statement.

The magazine said it was attempting to contact Updike to tell him the good news.

The 76-year-old American novelist was a finalist for this year's Bad Sex prize for his description of an explosive oral encounter in his latest book, The Widows of Eastwick, but lost out to British writer Rachel Johnson.

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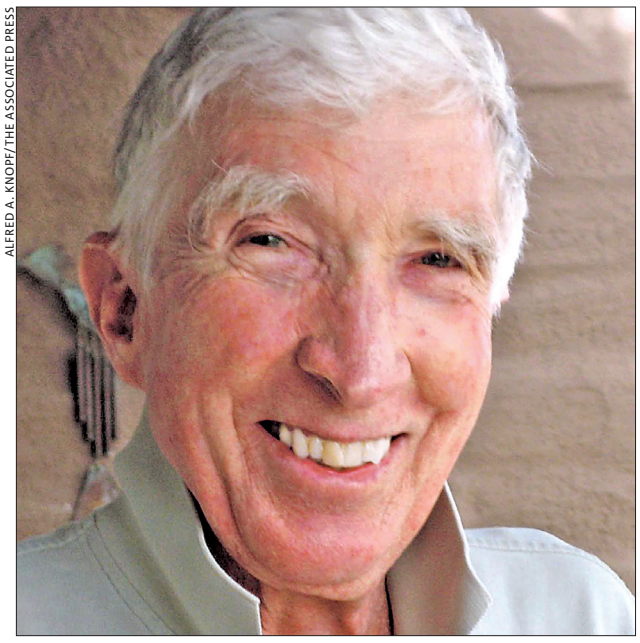

A file photo of American writer John Updike.

"Johnson won for a passage in her satirical novel Shire Hell that describes a woman in the midst of a 'mounting, Wagnerian crescendo,' wondering whether 'the Spodders are, as requested, attending the meeting about slug clearance,'" said the magazine's deputy editor, Tom Fleming.

"Cats and moths also make metaphorical appearances. All the passages this year are equally awful, but Rachel Johnson's struck us because of the mixture of cliche and euphemism. There were a couple of really bad animal metaphors in there."

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Judges of the Bad Sex in Fiction Prize

Johnson was due to receive the prize — which comes with a bottle of champagne and a plaster foot — from actor Dominic West, star of The Wire, at a ceremony in London. Fleming said the foot is intended as "an abstract representation of sex."

Johnson beat a shortlist of writers including Isabel Fonseca, mega-selling Brazilian writer Paulo Coelho and Tony Blair's former spin doctor, Alastair Campbell.

She accepted the prize in good humour, saying, "I always wanted to win a literary award."

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Friday Night Lights shine again in January on NBC

PREMIERE NBC says Friday Night Lights will make its season debut in January, along with the new reality shows Superstars of Dance and Howie Mandel's hidden-camera prank show Howie Do It.

NBC said Tuesday that the third season of the show will begin airing Jan. 16.

In an unusual arrangement, the acclaimed football-and-family drama was first available this season to DirecTV subscribers.

Superstars of Dance, an international competition show from the producers of Fox's So You Think You Can Dance, will premiere Jan. 4 before moving to its regular Monday time slot the next night and airing through Jan. 26.

It will be paired on Monday with Momma's Boys, a dating show from executive producer Ryan Seacrest of American Idol fame. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A.S. Byatt to receive award at Montreal literary festival

AWARD Acclaimed British author A.S. Byatt has been named the winner of the 2009 Blue Metropolis International Literary Grand Prix.

The prize, worth $10,000, will be awarded next spring during the Blue Metropolis Montreal International Literary Festival, which runs April 22 to 26.

Byatt is perhaps best-known for her 1990 novel Possession, which earned her the Booker Prize.

Previous winners of the Blue Metropolis International Literary Grand Prix include Margaret Atwood, Paul Auster and Norman Mailer.

The award honours a lifetime of literary achievement by an international writer. This is the first time it's been given to a writer from England. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Leibovitz faces lawsuit from stylist

Celebrity photographer Annie Leibovitz has been targeted in a new lawsuit after a celebrity stylist accused her of failing to pay almost $400,000 US for her work on a photoshoot with Scarlett Johansson. IMDB.COM

Legality of Montag, Pratt wedding uncertain

Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt, the reality-TV couple whose on-again, off-again relationship has been chronicled by MTV's The Hills and celebrity magazines, appear on yesterday's cover of Us Weekly with the headline "Heidi & Spencer Elope!"

But were their nuptials a legal marriage or just an elaborate photo shoot?

Images given to Us Weekly by the couple show the pair at various stages of a wedding ceremony at a chapel in Mexico on Nov. 20.

The accompanying story features an interview with the Montag and Pratt, as well as details about the rings, Montag's dress, and the content of their handwritten vows.

The story does not address whether they obtained a marriage licence or took part in a separate civil ceremony, which is required by Mexican law to make the union binding.

A couple can register their marriage up to 10 days after a ceremony, but California does not recognize marriage ceremonies outside the United States. A couple can petition a court to have their marriage legally recognized.

The couple's publicist, Rick Rhodes, said he knew nothing about the marriage. "I'm not privy to any of that information," Rhodes wrote in an e-mail.

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YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA: The stories about deluded souls convinced their lives are the subjects of reality TV cameras began not long after reality TV hit the airwaves, and the stories about the afflicted are cropping up at regular intervals in the news cycle.

An Associated Press story this week introduces us to three victims: A man who importuned staff at a federal building in the U.S. to get released from the reality show that had taken over his life, a second convinced that he was being filmed day and night for a TV contest, and a third who believed he was "part of a phony, stage-set world with him as the involuntary star," where even the drugs and therapy he was receiving were part of the illusion.

The last case is cited as a perfect example of what has been dubbed "Truman syndrome," the sole legacy The Truman Show, a 1998 Jim Carrey movie, has bequeathed upon popular culture. The movie was specifically mentioned by several of the patients studied by Dr. Joel Gold of Manhattan's Bellevue Hospital over a two-year period, which might suggest a further link with the "previously viewed" bins in DVD rental stores.

It's hard not be both amused and fascinated by people who, at the very least, have developed an interesting twist on René Descartes's philosophical bumper sticker and T-shirt slogan: "I think, therefore I am." The Cartesian epigram is a cornerstone of modern philosophy, but it's over 350 years old now, so it's no surprise that one branch has mutated into "I exist to be filmed," or some self-regarding variation thereof.

You can't help but be impressed with the weird power of television the first time you end up on it. Friends and relatives who were patently unimpressed by my choice of profession could be counted on to respond enthusiastically when I ended up appearing on camera, either by accident (caught at the edge of a scrum of photographers) or on purpose (booked to provide verbiage as a talking head on some chat show.)

I'd go so far as to suggest that, for every unhappy soul complaining of being press-ganged into the Bachelor or Biggest Loser of some as-yet-unaired pilot, there are probably many more happily going through life glorying in the illusion of being the Gene Simmons or Donald Trump of their social circle, pulling up the covers at night, imagining that these last moments of their day are being captured in green and black night vision, their pupils as big and black as a zombie's.

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		526	507	249	VIVA	Judging Amy		Commander In Chief		The West Wing		Passion	Homicide File	Psychic Inv.
		300	601	301	M1	(6:45) *The Great Debaters* ★★★ (2007, Docudrama)				*Love in the Time of Cholera* ★★ (2007, Romance) Javier Bardem.				
		305	612	306	PIX	(6:45) *Silverado* ★★★ (1985, Western) Kevin Kline.				*Clear and Present Danger* ★★★ (1994, Suspense) Harrison Ford.				

critics'corner

Snapshot
"C'mon, Bossy, work it!" This new episode of the series spotlighting Canadian photographers turns the lens on Rob MacInnis and his Farm Family Project, in which he uses barnyard animals as models. As he puts it, his intent is "to draw parallels between the idealization of the human form in contemporary fashion photography and the subjugation of animals by humans." No, he's not putting sheep in designer gowns, but his images are worth a look.
8 PM on BVO

The Incredibles
This is one family that won't have to worry about Halloween costumes. Once public superheroes, Elastigirl and Mr. Incredible settle down and recede from society's critical eye. But after three children and no action, Bob "Mr. Incredible" Parr gets restless and joins a secret organization. When he gets in trouble, it's up to his family to save him. Voices include Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Jason Lee, Spencer Fox and Sarah Vowell. 8 PM on NBC

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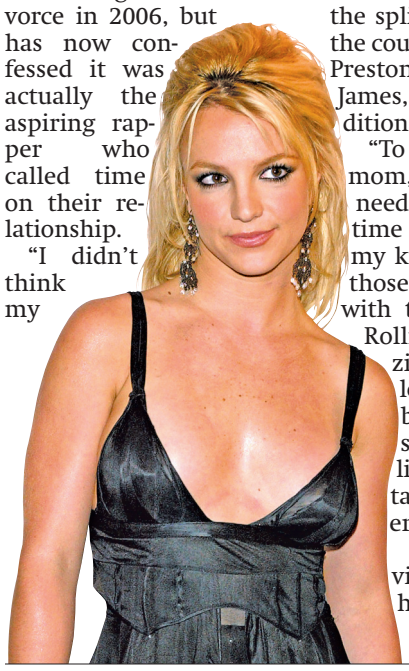
Daly to be a daddy
TV personality Carson Daly and girlfriend Siri Pinter are expecting their first child together in early spring. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Kevin left Britney

REVELATION Britney Spears has revealed Kevin Federline ended their marriage, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer filed for divorce in 2006, but has now confessed it was actually the aspiring rapper who called time on their relationship.



"I didn't think my husband was gonna leave me," she says. Spears, who recently admitted the marriage was a mistake, also revealed her sadness over the split because it means the couple's two sons, Sean Preston, 3, and Jayden James, 2, can't enjoy a traditional upbringing.

"To be a really good mom, I feel your child needs to be your full-time job. I want to raise my kids and share all of those precious moments with them," Spears tells Rolling Stone magazine. "If Kevin hadn't left, I'd be with my babies 24/7. But since they're almost like twins, they both take care of each other."

Spears has three visits a week with her sons.

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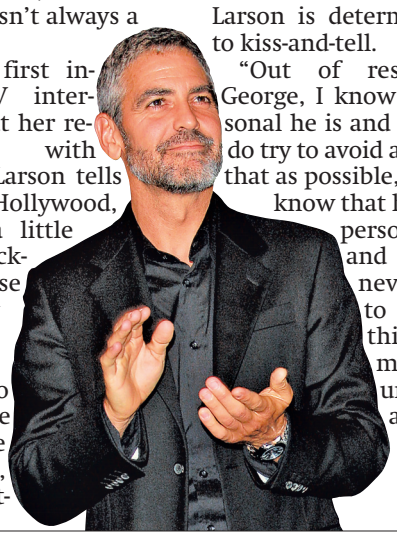
Dating Clooney 'stressful,' ex says

RELATIONSHIPS Dating George Clooney was "nerve-wracking" and "stressful" as far as his model ex Sarah Larson was concerned, imdb.com reports.

The former cocktail waitress admits she loved dating the actor, but the romance wasn't always a hoot.



In her first in-depth TV interview about her relationship with Clooney, Larson tells Access Hollywood, "It was a little nerve-wracking because everybody loves George, and so, to be in the public eye like that, it was a little stressful. It's a lot to take in. I think I just went like a deer in the headlights. At times, I (didn't) know what to do."

The pair dated for almost a year and Larson reveals the break up was fast, and she hasn't kept in touch with Clooney. Still, Larson is determined not to kiss-and-tell.

"Out of respect for George, I know how personal he is and so I really do try to avoid as much of that as possible, because I know that he's a very personal guy and I would never want to do anything to make (him) uncomfortable."

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Winslet stunned to get big break

CAREER Kate Winslet was so stunned when she landed her big break in Peter Jackson's Heavenly Creatures, she had to be escorted from the delicatessen she was working in, imdb.com reports.

The actress admits she had no idea that she'd landed the lead role in the 1994 film, and the phone call confirming the part was a complete shock to her.

"I was in the middle of making a sandwich and I had to leave work pretty much immediately," she tells Parade magazine. "Somebody else had to finish making this poor guy's sandwich, because I was hysterical. Then I had to walk home, because I had forgotten to collect my wages before I left, and I had no bus fare."

She still has fond memories of the time she spent behind the deli counter. "I made sandwiches. I cut up cheese. I ground coffee. I loved it!"

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Jolie denies pregnancy

RUMOUR Angelina Jolie has been forced to deny she is pregnant again following tabloid reports suggesting the actress is expecting her fourth biological child with Brad Pitt, imdb.com reports.

Speculation surrounding a reported pregnancy has dogged the couple in recent months, rumours which were denied by the Oscar winner's publicist earlier this month.

In Touch magazine has most recently claimed Jolie is pregnant again, reporting that Jolie announced the news to a waiter in a London restaurant after he tried to pour her an alcoholic drink.

But the star's representative, Geyer Kosinski, refutes the reports, telling usmagazine.com the claims are "not true."

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Anderson wants to be taken seriously

IMAGE Pamela Anderson is ready to ditch her image as a pinup so she can reinvent herself as a serious actress, imdb.com reports. Now that she's 41, the former Baywatch star is reportedly eager to be a better role model for her two sons.

"Pam felt her management team just saw her as a sexy pinup, and she wants to be taken more seriously," a source tells Star magazine.

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Kidman won't release her Australia diary

PEOPLE Nicole Kidman has scrapped plans to release the diary she kept while filming epic Australia because it's far too personal, imdb.com reports.

"I was going to release the diary and then I thought, 'No, I can't release it, this is too personal.' Then bits of it ended up in the press, so people have read little bits of it," Kidman says.

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HELLO! Hot shot of the week

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The Young and the Restless star Eric Braeden, a.k.a., the charmingly ruthless Victor Newman, recently welcomed HELLO! Canada into his luxurious Los Angeles home. While he's nothing like Victor Newman, he certainly has his alter-ego's self-discipline. "Today, I did 100 pushups," says the 67-year-old former athlete, who stays in shape by playing tennis, biking and boxing. "If I don't have much time during the day, I'll do 100 squats in the shower."

HELLO! CANADA magazine, now available on newsstands – read more at hellomagazine.ca

Mariah musical in the works

PEOPLE Mariah Carey's life story is set to be made into a musical, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer has reportedly attracted attention from a big name in the theatre industry who wants to create a Broadway show based on her.

"A huge, huge Broadway producer is interested in Mariah's story and it's in discussions," a source says. "Who would turn down an opportunity like that? Mariah has a fascinating life."

The stage show is set to feature some of the 39-year-old's most highly publicized troubles including her divorce from Sony boss Tommy Mottola in 1997, arguments with record producers and her reported physical and emotional breakdown.

The award-winning singer is now happily married to Nick Cannon, whom she wed in April this year.

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Cruz, Bardem may be in trouble

RELATIONSHIPS Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem's relationship is reportedly on the rocks, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who has been dating the actor since August, is said to be furious after he broke their agreement to take a year-long sabbatical to star in the new movie Biutiful.

"Javier couldn't resist the chance to star in Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's new film," a source says. "Penelope is really angry because she turned down a few really good roles because she was so committed to their sabbatical."

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Richie, Madden to wed in January?

MARRIAGE Nicole Richie and Joel Madden are reportedly set to marry on their daughter's first birthday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple, who welcomed Harlow into the world on Jan. 11, are reportedly keen to tie the knot on the landmark date to show their child how much they love each other.

"They want to set an example for Harlow," a friend of the pair said.

Richie and the Good Charlotte rocker are reportedly planning to sell pictures of the ceremony to a magazine. However, the couple intend to donate any money they make from their special day to charity.

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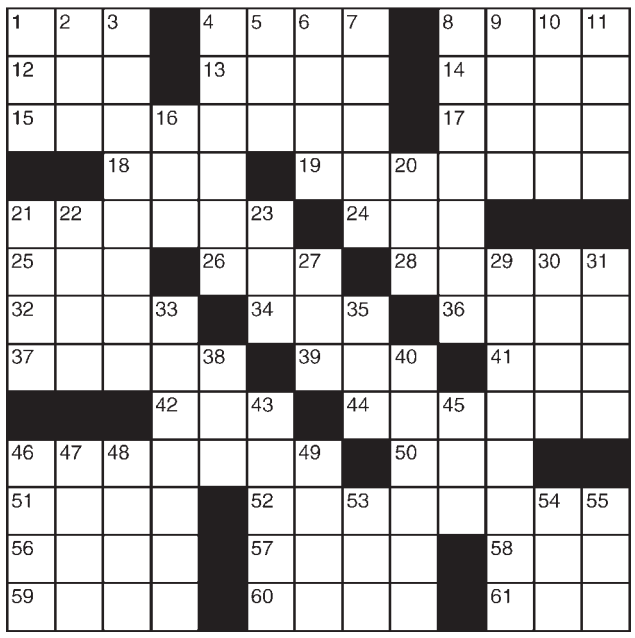

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

9				7				8
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Crossword across

1 Light application
4 Author Greene
8 Bean curd
12 TV lawyer Stone
13 Destroy
14 Wading bird
15 Montana city
17 Top-notch
18 Young fellow
19 Happening on 12/31
21 Sullen look
24 Genetics abbr.
25 Ply paddles
26 Grass drops
28 Unpaid bills
32 First victim
34 Pooch
36 Tragic
37 TV, newspapers, etc.
39 Crucial
41 Driver's ID (Abbr.)
42 Frequently
44 Dry red wine
46 "— of Solace"
50 Floral neckwear
51 Incite
52 Wallet
56 Mid-month date
57 Lotion additive
58 Keanu, in "The Matrix"
59 Face (Sl.)
60 Acerbic
61 Moment

Crossword down

1 Society newbie
2 Boxer Laila
3 Rose in waves
4 Led
5 Massachusetts cape
6 Nervous
7 Runner-up
8 Adorned a la Miss America
9 Orchestra member
10 Sawyer's pal
11 Secondhand
16 Legislation
20 Moreover
21 Metric measure
22 Earring site
23 Scarlet
27 Stir-fry pan
29 Oodles
30 Small combo
31 Denomination
33 Elsa of "Born Free," e.g.
35 Jewel
38 Sternward
40 "Old" Disney dog
43 Members of the brass
45 Gridiron decider
46 Witticism
47 Pakistan's language
48 A very long time
49 Venus de —
53 Costello or Ferrigno
54 Shelter
55 Elmer, to Bugs

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

4	8	1	9	6	2	3	7	5
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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Lamb Cutlets with Flageolet Beans

INGREDIENTS:

2/3 cup (150 ml) lamb or chicken stock
1/4 lb (110 g) fine green beans
Salt and black pepper
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
5 tbsp (75 ml) butter
1 lemon
2 sprigs of fresh rosemary
8 lamb cutlets or lean loin chops, about 3 1/2 oz (100 g) each
1 medium onion
2 cans (15 oz / 425 g) flageolet beans
2 cloves garlic
1 1/4 cup (300 ml) dry white wine
2 tsp (10 ml) cornstarch
4 tbsp (60 ml) heavy cream
2 tbsp (25 ml) capers

METHOD:

1. Put a kettle of water on to boil. Preheat oven to low; heat stock.
2. Rinse and cut green beans into 1 in. (2.5 cm) pieces. Cook in salted boiling water until tender.
3. Put oil and 1 1/2 tbsp (25 ml) butter into frying pan and place over moderate heat. Grate lemon rind into pan. Add rosemary sprigs and increase heat.
4. Season lamb cutlets with pepper. Place in pan with sizzling butter, lower heat to moderate and fry for 5 minutes per side, until golden brown.
5. Melt remaining butter in another pan. Peel and chop onion; fry over moderate heat for 5 minutes.
6. Rinse canned beans in a colander, then drain cooked green beans into same.
7. Peel garlic, crush into onion, and cook for 30 seconds. Add beans, season and stir. Lower heat; heat through, stirring occasionally.
8. Remove cutlets and rosemary from first frying pan. Keep warm in oven.
9. Pour off fat from pan, leaving lamb residue. Add wine and juice from half the lemon; boil rapidly until reduced by half.
10. Blend cornstarch with 1 tbsp (15 ml) water and stir into stock, then into wine. Boil, reduce to simmer and stir in cream. Season, add capers and heat through. Do not boil.
11. Return cutlets and rosemary to pan, stirring in juices. Serve with mixed beans.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
History will repeat itself. A friend will shock you with future plans. An animated debate gets somebody into trouble.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Suppress your impatience about a compromise. A dream provides a solution for a rough situation. A prickly person cancels a meeting.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Delays will hamper transportation. A captivating person will excite you. Plans for the future will raise your spirits.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A woman must be set straight about the truth of a situation. A lost person arrives after a problem clears up. An untrustworthy guy tempts a friend.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Special moments will arise with a bashful guy. You'll see a stranger going wild. A friend has you wondering about a secret love.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Someone is looking forward to a last minute change. Problems with an outlaw show the need for an expert. Tolerate a weirdo's irrelevant message.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A visitor's disrespect relates to your unpopular opinion. A mocking liar begins to bore you. A man met in transit will spark interest in an idea.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A bold man has been talking about your insights. Somebody's kindness will inspire wickedness. A friendly guy reveals a secret.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A professional steps in to judge a dispute. Your vigour increases as a terrible burden goes away. You'll meet a new friend through business.

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DEC 22-JAN 20
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